

University Committee Meeting
Tuesday, July 12, 2011
11:30am-1:30pm
Memorial Union

Present: Art Lersch, Nancy Anne Miller, Greg Hutchins, Michael Childers, Mike Ballweg, Judy Ballweg, Karen Dickrell

Excused: Eric Carson, Chuck Prissel

1. Call to Order and Certify open meeting requirements.
 - Karen called the meeting order at 11:34am and certified open meeting requirements had been met.
2. Welcome and Introductions
 - New members include: Art Lersch, CRD-Lincoln County; Nancy Anne Miller, YD-Vilas County; Michael Childers, School for Workers-Madison.
3. Update on Interim Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff
 - Dan Hill has agreed to serve in this capacity for the next year, effective July 18, while Greg Hutchins serves as Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor.
4. Approval of Minutes from the June 14 Meeting.
 - Mike moved to approve meeting minutes, Karen seconded, minutes approved.
5. Select UC Vice Chair
 - Art Lersch volunteered to be Vice Chair.
 - Michael moved to approve the selection of Art Lersch as Vice Chair, Nancy Anne seconded, motion approved.
6. Chair Update
 - Review 2011-2012 UC and FS Membership. Edits were forwarded to Judy for revising and posting to website.
 - Alternative ways to conduct meetings (ex: skype) and local options
 - All members were given an opportunity to share local technology options. After much discussion, the group agreed that face-to-face meetings are preferred with the option of WisLine connection when necessary.
 - Faculty Senate Orientation: September 13
 - Last year's agenda was distributed and discussed. There is also an audio archive of last year's Orientation Webinar posted to the website for reference. This planning team will meet, via WisLine, on August 3, 1:30pm.
 - Feedback to Chancellor: how can the chancellor be more helpful?
 - Chancellor Cross is interested in knowing our priorities, pressing issues, and concerns. Some priorities include addressing the low morale, retaining qualifications and history as retirements continue, looking into institutional benefits (professional development dollars), and enhancing our work through technology (giving us the tools). Members are encouraged to give this feedback some thought, share with your academic department/district and be prepared to report back next month.
7. University Committee Assignments for 2011-2012 and Reports (if any)
 - Systemwide Extension Council – Karen Dickrell
 - Meet four times per year and last meeting was June 8, in Madison. This year the group will meet twice in Madison and once in both Oshkosh and Stevens Point.

- Academic Leadership Standing Committee –
 - Need to select someone to replace Matt Hanson. Mike Ballweg volunteered.
 - Art moved to approve the selection of Mike Ballweg as Academic Leadership Standing Committee Rep, Michael seconded, motion approved.
 - Faculty Rep – Eric Carson
 - Unable to attend this meeting and will provide an update next month.
8. Faculty Senate Assignments for 2011-2012 and Reports (if any)
 - Article 4: Faculty Governance Unit Chairs Orientation
 - Audio archive is posted to website
 - 2011 Faculty Tenure Orientation Workshop
 - Next offering is scheduled for September 12, Stevens Point; registration details will be sent via email by end of July.
 - 2011-2012 offerings, leadership and planning team needs to be identified.
 - SRP/FTAC Scholarship Forum
 - Scheduled for August 17, Stevens Point; planning team WisLine scheduled for July 25.
 9. Governance Representation and Coop Ext Potential Restructuring
 - This topic will be discussed at the SRP/FTAC Scholarship Forum on August 17. That feedback will help determine next steps. It was suggested that the academic department chairs be invited to the UC meeting scheduled for October 11.
 7. Discussion of Institutional Issues and Opportunities Appropriate for Governance
 - Coop Extension's political effectiveness team has finished their work and criteria are being included in faculty reviews. It was suggested that this topic be discussed at a future University Committee or Faculty Senate meeting.
 8. Adjourn

Michael motioned to adjourn, Mike seconded, meeting adjourned at 1:25pm.

~minutes submitted by Judy Ballweg~