

University Committee Meeting
Tuesday August 10, 2010
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Extension Building

Present:

Chuck Prissel, Karen Dickrell, Chris Kniep, Kathleen Haas, Tom Evans(in place of Eric Carson), Corliss Olson, Marv Van Kekerix, Christine Quinn, Greg Hutchins

Absent:

Matt Hanson

1. Call to Order and Certify open meeting requirements
Chuck called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. and certified open meeting requirements had been met.
2. Approval of Minutes of the July 13 meeting
Karen Dickrell moved/Kathleen Haas seconded to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.
3. Interim Chancellor Report
Interim Chancellor Marv Van Kekerix reported on efforts he has been involved with to date:
 - Legislative visits with ten elected officials that serve on key committees. This is part of an ongoing effort of the UW System to work with elected officials. Messages with elected officials emphasize efforts on workforce preparation and job development. Pending elections make it difficult to predict governor and budget priorities.
 - Attending Farm Technology Days in Pierce County. Marv noted increased visibility of UWEX at the event.
 - Participation in a Deans' orientation session – there are six new or interim deans in the UW-Colleges system. The orientation was organized by Greg Lampe and Lisa Seale.
 - Following the meeting Marv was headed to the Meat Animal Products sale at the WI State Fair. Funds from this sale benefit the 4-H Foundation.
4. Provost and Vice Chancellor Report
Provost and Vice Chancellor Christine Quinn provided an update on initiatives she has been involved with, noting that much of her work focuses on engagement:
 - In the area of Scholarship, Christine participated in the Tenure and Scholarship Workshop and has proposed forming a committee to develop a system for reviewing and sharing examples of scholarship. Her office is funding individuals attending the national Scholarship Conference.
 - Christine and Greg Hutchins continue to work on the Carnegie Engaged Institution application.
 - Broadband proposal is moving forwarding with a decision scheduled for mid August. The proposal is designed to build community capacity statewide.
 - Christine is re-convening the UWEX/UWC budget committee August 31 to discuss re-investment of \$672,000 available to the UWEX/UWC. Chris Kniep will be attending this meeting for Chuck.

- Furlough Impacts Committee – Kathleen Haas and Christine Quinn shared the survey that has been drafted by the furlough impact Task Force seeking feedback on when/if the survey should be distributed. Committee discussed pros and cons of moving ahead with the survey.

5. Chair Report – Chuck

- Chuck Prissel reported on discussions that followed the July University Committee/Academic Staff Council meeting. Concerns had been raised regarding a separate faculty discussion with Dean Rick Klemme regarding the 10% Reduction Exercise. Referencing Chapter 36, regarding faculty involvement in staff decisions, it is appropriate for a separate discussion. To be sure all staff are included in the discussions Rick has scheduled similar meetings with classified staff and academic staff.
- Chuck has been working with Kathleen, Greg and Chris to develop a Senate Orientation WisLine. It will be held on August 18th.
- Chuck participated in the Tenure and Scholarship Workshop providing opening remarks and facilitating discussions.

- #### 6. University Committee and Faculty Orientation WisLine/WisLine Web – August 18, 2-2:30 p.m.
- Chuck shared a copy of the agenda that has been drafted for the Orientation WisLine. The agenda includes an overview of shared governance, administrative roles with governance, an overview of faculty senate structure, organization and committee, and an opportunity for senators to discuss how they represents their department. University Committee members were encouraged to attend the orientation.

Chris shared a draft summary of 2009-2010 University Committee activities and discussion topics that will be shared during the orientation and with Faculty Senate in September. Additions/corrections should be sent to Chris ASAP.

Committee members discussed the evolution of University Committee and Faculty Senate – how meetings have changed and how the two groups interface. An additional Faculty Senate meeting was proposed and tentatively scheduled for February 8th 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Kathleen Hass agreed to facilitate some interactive portion of the meeting to help deepen discussion around faculty issues and provide so Senate “team building” Chuck will work with her and Greg to facilitate the agenda.

7. University Committee Assignments for 2010-2011 and Reports

- Systemwide Extension Council – Karen Dickrell – no report
- Academic Leadership Standing Committee – Matt Hanson – absent
- Faculty Reps Council – Chris Kniep – no report
- Furlough Impacts Committee – Kathleen Haas (discussed during Provost Report - item 4)

8. Faculty Senate Committees

- Faculty Governance Unit Chair Roles and Responsibilities – continued efforts are needed on clarifying role of Unit Chair and Department Head responsibilities in counties where two different people fill these role.
- 2010 Tenure Orientation Workshops – Matt Hanson will be asked to represent the University Committee at the September 14th session. Committee for 2011 workshops will be determined at the September Faculty Senate Meeting.
- Tenure and Scholarship Annual Review Forum Recap – Chris Kniep shared notes from the Forum and the draft session evaluation.

9. 10% Budget Reduction exercise

Dean Rick Klemme joined the Committee via WisLine to discuss the 10% Reduction Exercise and how it will be implemented at the September Faculty Senate Meeting. Rick will be utilizing the PowerPoint and set of five questions that have been developed for the discussion. To date responses have been collected from a variety of groups including the Central and Southern Districts, Ag Program Specialists, Western District Department Heads, Eastern District Department Head and 4-H Youth Development representatives. Discussions have been scheduled with Faculty Senate Council on Academic Staff Issues (CASI), Family Living Program Area, Quad Counties and Classified Staff.

The discussions will provide guidance on a budget plan for Cooperative Extension. Similar exercises are not occurring in other UWEX divisions.

The PowerPoint will be sent to all Cooperative Extension staff by the end of the week. Data (responses) are being collected electronically. Data is being differentiated by groups submitting the comments but not by individual.

Greg will read from Chapter36 referring to faculty involvement in personnel matters and Chuck will help frame the focus for the discussion from a faculty perspective.

10. Discussion of Institution Issues and Opportunities appropriate for Governance

Chuck encouraged members to use this agenda item to identify emerging issues.

Karen and Chris reported inquiries received regarding the retention \$\$ processes. Concerns focused on 2-rounds of applications, notification of recipients, and transparency of process.

11. Adjourn- Chuck adjourned the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Chris Kniep