

MINUTES
Graduate School
Committee on Academic Staff Issues
Monday, July 11, 2011 from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
334 Bascom Hall

Present: Jenny Hackel, Moira Harrington, Wayne Feltz, Julie Karpelenia, Bruce Neumann, Miriam Simmons, Julie Schears, Nicole (Nicci) Schmidt, and Tom Zinnen

Absent: Martin Cadwallader, Kristin Nagle

Convene

Meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. by Vice Chair Wayne Feltz

Review and approve minutes: Minutes from the 2/14/11 and 4/11/11 meetings were approved.

General Reports:

ASEC/ report (Feltz)

The VCR search committee forwarded the short list to the Chancellor and Provost in May. A decision is in limbo with the Chancellor's departure. President Reilly met with ASEC to discuss the qualities of an interim chancellor. Authority for the personnel systems has been delegated to the Chancellor's; UW-Madison will design its own system. At the end of the biennium, that system will be submitted through the Board of Regents on its way to the Legislature's Joint Committee on Employment Relations. ASEC will play an advisory role on the new personnel system,

The Distinguished Prefix classification was tabled last year when UW-System refused the recommendation of the Academic Staff Assembly. This May, UW-System reversed its decision and delegated to all campuses the authority to establish academic staff distinguished prefix guidelines. ASEC will be working with Steve Lund, director Academic Personnel Office, and Steve Stern, vice provost for Faculty and Staff, to make the distinguished title available to more academic staff on the Madison campus.

ASEC has quantified some \$231 million Academic Staff PI's have brought to this campus in 2010-2011. Wayne will follow up with Heather Daniels, ASEC Chair and Steve Lund, to discuss documenting the impact of the number of academic staff departures.

Heather and Donna Silver, secretary of the Academic Staff, will attend a meeting with the Chancellor this Thursday. State Senator Jon Erpenbach is the keynote speaker for the 2012 Academic Staff Institute

Committee Reports

Communications (Nagle) No Report

Nominating and Districting (Feltz)

Nikki will look for someone to run for one of the Waisman Center slots. Martin has two appointed slots to fill; Julie will follow up with Martin.

Professional Development (Simmons) No Report

Other Business

Vice Chair Election:

Moira moved that Wayne Feltz be re-elected Vice Chair. Bruce seconded; motion approved unanimously.

Current and future status of Graduate School administration:

Postponed until the August meeting.

Graduate School Center Climate Survey:

SSEC climate survey was completed at the end of 2010. Results since the previous survey did not show any significant changes about the opinion of the climate, which was overall positive. Wayne thought it was a useful exercise and would recommend it to others within the Graduate School.

Academic Staff Budget discussion:

Graduate School budget numbers have yet to be finalized. While units are not planning to lay off personnel, many will be prioritizing projects given the number of retirements.

Discussion of Speakers:

Steve Lund: New Personnel System

Alice Gustafson: Status of Efficiency Study and APR

Adjourn at 2:45 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Monday, August 8, 2011

1:30-3p.m.

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Minutes: Jenny Hackel

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Simmons