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Graduate School
Committee on Academic Staff Issues
Monday, December 12th 2011 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm

350 Bascom Hall

Present: Alex Converse, Nicci Schmidt, Wayne Feltz, Miriam Simmons, Bruce Neumann, Tom Zinnen, Julie Schears, Jenny Hackel, Martin Cadwallader, Julie Karpelenia, Moira Harrington, Rhonda Norsetter (Guest)

Absent: Kristin Harmon

Convene

Meeting was convened by Vice Chair Wayne Feltz at 1:40 PM

Review and approve minutes from 11/14/11 meeting

Minutes will be reviewed and approved via email

Action items: None to report

General Reports

ASA/ASEC report (Neumann/Feltz)

Current issues being reviewed by ASA include:

- An advisory budget committee is exploring additional compensation when someone departs and others pick up additional work.
- Distinguished prefix guidelines to be discussed at ASA meeting today, 12/12/11.
- A motion to amend the campus concealed carry policy to allow concealed carry in secure storage was voted down.
- Vice Chancellor for Administration Darrell Bazzell discussed the budget lapses and we will not know the final figures until January 2012.

Personnel Policies Procedures Subcommittee Report

- A few GS CASI members were selected to participate in the Phase 1 work teams within the HR Redesign Project. Jenny Hackel was selected for recruitment and assessment work team and Julie Karpelenia was selected for the titling work team.
 - ASA has a document of questions they hope the work teams will address. Wayne will provide a copy.

Special Guest Presentation: Rhonda Norsetter – UW-Madison Senior Special Assistant to the Chancellor

Rhonda has been the federal relations officer for UW for the past 20 years and presented an overview of what she does, addressed federal budget cuts, and described other current issues. Please see Appendix A for detailed notes.

Committee Reports

Communications (Harmon) – No update

Nominating and Districting (Feltz) – No update

Professional Development (Simmons) - No update

Other Business

Current Status Report (Martin Cadwallader)

- Interim Chancellor David Ward is making it a priority to work with system right now, while also trying to gain some autonomy, asking system leadership to “coordinate” rather than “control” UW-Madison.
 - Suggestions include a subset of Regents working with UW Madison.
 - Given all of the events in the past year, there is window of opportunity to have all the chancellors focus on working together before it’s back to business as usual.
- Is Grad School concerned about impeding budget lapses? (Simmons)
 - Grad School expects to be OK because it doesn’t have as much state funding at stake.
- New HR System, any Grad School expectations? (Converse)
 - Simple as possible, but no simpler.
- New updates on rehired annuitant legislation? (Hackel)
 - The recall efforts for now seem to have halted these for the time being.

Adjourned at 3 PM by Martin Cadwallader

Next Meeting:

Location: Currently scheduled for January 9th, 2012, in 350 Bascom Hall, 1:30-3:00 PM, but Nicci has volunteered the Waisman Center to host instead. She will email with details.

Minutes: Moira Harrington

Respectfully submitted,
Jenny Hackel