

AGENDA

Graduate School
Committee on Academic Staff Issues
Monday, June 14th 2010 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm

334 Bascom Hall

Convened at 1:30 by Vice-Chair Wayne Feltz.

Present: Donna Cole, Wayne Feltz, Reina Maryuama, Bruce Neumann, Mary Lou Reeb, Miriam Simmons, and guest/newly elected representative Moira Harrington.

Absent: Dan Bull, Martin Cadwallader, Tanya Cobb, Julie Karpelenia, Kristin Nagle, Cheryl Redman, and Julie Schears.

Welcome and Chair Comments: Wayne Feltz welcomed the committee and noted that Julie Karpelenia would be arriving shortly.

Review and approve minutes: The minutes (with friendly revision) from May 10th were approved unanimously and will be posted on the GS CASI website. Feltz noted that 2010-2011 committee meetings will continue to be held in 334 Bascom with the exception of October 11 and November 8, which will be held in 370 Bascom. Minute takers for 2010 were designated as follows:

July 12 - Donna Cole

August 9 – Cheryl Redman

September 13 – Moira Harrington

October 11 – Reina Maryuama

November 8 – Julie Schears

December 13 – Tanya Cobb

Committee Reports

Communications: No report.

Nominating and Districting: No report.

Professional Development: Reeb reported that 5 of our 6 applicants for the 2010-2011 Academic Staff Professional Development Grant Program were awarded. She referenced Julie Karpelenia's 6/3/10 e-mail for a brief description of their proposed professional development activities. She also noted that since this was her last meeting, she drafted a 2010 PDRC annual report and forwarded it to PDRC members for their use as a starting point.

Other Business

Restructuring Research Enterprise Status: No report.

Academic Staff Assembly: (Bruce) The Assembly passed resolutions to eliminate eCategory A maximums and discourage travel to Arizona at their May 10 meeting. A motion to review payment for bus passes by academic staff was also passed, as there was concern that this benefit could be eliminated in the future. Discussion was also held on the campus research enterprise reorganization as well as a possible continuation of employee furloughs in the next biennium.

Feltz also noted that recently faculty at UW-Eau Claire and UW-Superior had voted to form a union with collective bargaining rights, becoming the first faculty across the UW System to approve such a move. On the UW-Madison campus, faculty and staff have generally not shown a strong desire to unionize. On another topic, he also noted that 2012 would be the hundredth year of the Wisconsin Idea. Details as to the commemoration were not yet forthcoming.

Agility Agenda: (Stern) A presentation was given by Stern on the "Agility Agenda", which is part of his "Academic Staff Excellence Rewards Initiative." Academic staff governance is part of the foundation of this initiative. Possible ways to allow time for participation by academic staff members were presented and discussed. The committee was also updated on the topic of opportunities for instructional leave for academic staff. Discussion is ongoing across campus this summer, with a target for a report and campus recommendation by the end of next year.

Action Items: Committee members requested that the 5-year report be added to the Web site. Feltz noted that a GS-CASI chair for the coming year is needed and requested recommendations.

Members also commended Feltz on his award of recognition from the Madison Police Department for efforts regarding rapid weather change alerts.

Committee Breakout meetings: Some committees met briefly after adjournment.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 pm by Feltz.

Next Meeting: July 12th, 2010

Location: 334 Bascom Hall

Time: 1:30-3:00pm

Minutes: Donna Cole

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Reeb