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Graduate School
Committee on Academic Staff Issues
Monday, October 11, 2010
1:30-3:00 pm
350 Bascom Hall

Present: Dean Cadwallader , Julie Karpelenia, Miriam Simmons, Kristin Nagle, Nicci Schmidt, Julie Schears, Bruce Neumann, Moira Harrington, Jenny Hackel, Wayne Feltz, Cheryl Redman

Not present: Reina Maruyama

Convene

* Meeting convened at 1:00 PM by Wayne.

Review and approve minutes

* Review and approve minutes from 9/13/10 meeting -- November mins approved.

Graduate School Update (Dean Cadwallader)

* UW has reached \$1 billion in research expenditures (handout), has been in the top 5 universities for research spending for 22 years (with a high of 2nd), and in National Research Center rankings of Graduate Schools, 23 of 76 programs at UW are in the top 15%, with all 4 divisions represented. The Graduate School is second only to SMPH in volume at UW. In the current economic climate, it is important to remember the economic impact in jobs created, technology transfer, etc., that this research volume represents.

* Graduate School restructuring -- Major change is RSP move, which is likely to occur after the first of the year, and the formation of an industrial contracting unit. A search and screen committee has be formed Wayne Feltz serving), a search firm will be used, and a PVL is being finalized. CASI will continue to be represented.

* The university is undertaking an efficiency study.

ASEC/ASA Report (Wayne Feltz)

* Russell Diamond presented an overview of collective bargaining and reclassification issues. The process is in limbo between UW and WPEC, possibly for years. Wayne will invite Russell to speak to this group.

* Provost Report (De Luca) – discussed search committees for CIO, deans of DCS, Law and Business.

* There are discussions about attempting to get UW exempted from some state government processes and procedures to increase flexibility; the concern is that the state has less of an oversight role, they might also have a reduced interest in funding the university.

Committee Reports

* Communications – We've had some web site issues with recent updates and will continue to work with IT to resolve those. We would like to investigate new, more active methods of communication, such as social media and increased personal contact (e-mails to constituents). Wayne will get us an e-mail template and updated mail lists, and Kristin will look into Facebook as an option.

* Nominations and Districting – Distract 1 is still vacant. Jenny Hackel is taking over for Dan Bull, Moira Harrington is replacing Mary Lou Reeb, and Tonya Cobb still needs a replacement. Wayne has done some research and the districts still seem to be properly aligned, with no major changes since 2003.

* Professional Development -- Currently has no chair; Miriam volunteered and accepted as chair. Academic Staff Professional Development Grant applications are due November 1, with review tentatively scheduled by November 8. The committee will update this group at the November 8th meeting.

Other Business

* Visitors and speakers – Wayne will schedule Russell Diamond to speak 11/8/10 about collective bargaining. Cheryl will host a meeting in December at the Biotech Center and speak. We will consider future speakers from ASEC and from amongst this group.

Announcements

* Expanding Your Horizons will be occurring again on Saturday, November 5. WYH is a 1-day conference for middle school girls to foster interest in science.

* ASA meeting at 3:30 p.m. – Darryl Bazzell, Efficiency Study, Academic Staff priorities and Committee Reports

Next Meeting:

November 8, 2010

Location: 370 Bascom Hall

Time 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Minutes: Reina