

Minutes

Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education
Committee on Academic Staff Issues
Monday, December 8, 2014 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm
Bascom Hall Rm 54
Minutes:

Convene at 1:30 pm by Nicci Schmidt

Present: Julie Karpelenia, Wayne Feltz, Judy Bauman, Jenny Hackel, Nicci Schmidt, Moira Harrington, Julie Schears, Kristin Crosno, Tom Zinnen, Alex Converse

Guest: Denny Hackel (ASEC)

Absent: Judith Baumann, John Richards, Kristin Harmon

Review and approve minutes December. Discussion of clarification of points, as reflected now in the revised minutes for November 2014. Julie Schears moves, Jenny Hackel seconds to approve; motion carries.

General Reports

ASA: Wayne Feltz summarizes the ASA November meeting: ASPRO rep reported on the Republican Legislative agenda; Ombuds office reported on their services; Employee Assistance Office updated on their services. Steve Lund reported 175 academic staff people since 2011-2012 have been laid off or lost their jobs due to non-renewal of fixed term contracts.

ASEC: Denny Hackel has resigned from ASEC effective today. Nicci will check into a replacement liaison between ASEC and our CASI.

Denny reports that University Committee expressed the opinion that UC did not see a need for governance (faculty) representation on the second search & screen committee for the Director of Purchasing position. Jenny noted that although faculty may not be concerned about administration and things such as purchasing, yet soon they may be concerned-as many Academic Staff people already are. The CASI discussed how to affirm the importance of academic staff people having a vote in search & screen committees for positions that academic staffers believe are essential to the roles of academic staffers. A point of divergence was how much emphasis on this should go into communications to the VCRGE and how much to ASEC. We will raise this at the CASI/ASEC meeting at noon on December 15.

Committee Reports

Communications (John Richards, chair). Nicci will ask John to update the CASI website so that Marsha and her chief of staff can use it in ensuring quick connections to CASI.

Nominating and Districting (Wayne Feltz). Julie, Wayne, Kristin and Judy are up for re-election March 2015 for a July 1 start. Tom is up in 2017.

Other Business

Nicci asks, "How shall we respond to VCRGE's request made during our November meeting for feedback and input?" Among the points of focus: shall the CASI have a voice on the APC? on the URC? We will follow up with VCRGE on

the composition of the URC working group and NIcci will update the CASI on the VCRGE's response.

Moira Harrington is serving on the search & screen committee of the VCRGE position. The PVL now includes components reflecting concerns of academic staff as well as faculty.

Updates from previous action items

None to report

Review future topics and speakers

Question to the group: Shall we bring in someone from University Communications? This would be as part of CASI's 'recognition of academic staff' theme by increasing academic staff coverage in the news releases and websites of the university.

Action Items

No new action items

Adjourned at 3:00 pm

Next Meeting:

February 9, 2015; 1:30-3:00pm

Bascom Rm 334 (location for remaining meetings of FY15)

Future Minutes: Jenny Hackel

**Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Zinnen**