

Minutes

Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education
Committee on Academic Staff Issues
Monday, June 13th 2016 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm
Space Sciences and Engineering Center, AOSS Rm 1209
Minutes: Jenny Hackel

Convened at 1:35 pm by Nicci Schmidt

Present: Nicci Schmidt, Katie Olson, Nagesh Adluru, Julie Schears, Jenny Hackel, Wayne Feltz

Absent: Moira Harrington, Judith Baumann, Peter Johnson, Tim Benfeldt, Tom Zinnen, Tony Pietsch, Alex Converse

Welcome and introductions

Review and approve May minutes: Unable to approve due to lack of quorum. Nicci briefed everyone on the previous month's discussion with VCRGE Marsha Mailick which included new staff reporting to the OVCRGE, discussion of WARF vs UW Foundation differences, and discussion of the UW2020 proposals which had minimal applications submitted by Academic Staff permanent PIs.

Other Business: VCRGE & CASI Priorities

The VCRGE-CASI has undergone an unprecedented level of turnover in the past year both in leadership and membership. As such the committee needs to re-evaluate our mission, conduct self study, and plan accordingly to ensure the CASI is productive and useful. In her first meeting with the CASI, VCRGE Marsha Mailick very clearly articulated an interest in climate as a major concern and charged the committee with any contributions it can make to that area in addition to helping with recommendations for academic staff representation on committee membership. Communicating with those we represent needs to become more frequent.

General Reports

ASA/ASEC report (Zinnen): No update due to absence

Update on ASEC, liaison Robert Newsom: No update due to absence

Committee Reports

Communications (Zinnen): No update due to absence

Nominating and Districting (Feltz):

Many thanks to Alex Converse for his service and welcome to Nagesh Adluru! The Nominating and Districting committee met and discussed a plan going forward to handle general acknowledgement of governance service. The committee decided we would like to ensure letters are issued to welcome new members, and certificates are issued to departing members. We are working with Julie Karpelenia to get copies of what has been done in the past for templates. We will ask Marsha if she is willing to sign those documents. Once implemented, the committee will review and compile a list of new and departing members for the past year and try to catch up as much as possible.

Professional Development (Nicci):

Results from the spring Professional Development Grants are not known yet.

Personnel Policies and Procedures/HR Design (Hackel):

The Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) is slated to be updated on December 1st to make the salary threshold \$47,476 as minimum compensation for the position to be eligible for exempt consideration (though the position must also pass a duties screening as well). There are no updates on the performance management front at this time whether the campus procured tool Page Up will become mandated or if the divisional tool will be used.

Other Business

Discuss future meeting dates, cancel July 11 or Aug 8? Nicci will send out a poll to see which date works for most to attend. Will likely hold the meeting at the Union Terrace if possible.

Action Items

Nicci to send out next meeting poll.

Adjourned meeting at 2:45 pm for tour of SSEC. SSEC celebrated 50 years in 2015. SSEC hosts an annual building-wide weather photo contest with photos displayed on 3rd floor. Tour highlights included rooftop satellites and a visit to the data center to see satellite imagery. The SSEC Data Center is responsible for the access, maintenance and distribution of real-time and archive weather satellite data. Dr. Kathryn Sullivan, the current NOAA Administrator and Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans & Atmosphere visited the SSEC Data Center a few years ago. Dr. Sullivan was the first female astronaut to walk in space on October 11, 1984. During her recent visit, the SSEC Data Center retrieved satellite images from the date of her spacewalk and she was able to relive memories of the weather details from that day.

Next Meeting:

To be determined.

Future Minutes: Tim Bendfelt

Respectfully submitted,
Jenny Hackel