

Minutes

Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education
Committee on Academic Staff Issues
Monday, June 8, 2015 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm
Memorial Union Terrace

Convene at 1:40 pm by Nicci Schmidt

Present: Wayne Feltz, Judy Bauman, Nicci Schmidt, Moira Harrington, Julie Schears, Kristin Crosno, Kristin Harmon, Jenny Hackel

Absent: Julie Karpelenia, Tom Zinnen, Alex Converse

Review and approve minutes: February minutes had been emailed/asked for approval to CASI members previous to this meeting. March minutes were discussed and approved. April minutes were discussed and Nicci Schmidt and (via email) Julie Karpelenia had edits. Voted to approved with discusses changes. May minutes were open for discussion and then approved.

General Reports

Nicci discussed having sent New VCRGE Marsha Mailick an email of congratulations from the CASI, and proposed sending a more formal welcome to Marsha. She will update and send this out.

The Assembly voted to call a special session and at that time did not yet have the votes needed to have that happen. Wayne will be stepping down from this committee July 1st, 2015.

Moira attended the June 5, 2015 meeting of the Board of Regents and as part of the meeting, there were nice words delivered by Regent Janice Muller, who chaired the award selection committee, and Regina Milner, president of the Board of Regents, about academic staff which included: academic staff are to be commended for their dedication and innovative thinking; The system is strengthened and invigorated by academic staff; President Milner said the academic staff awards are always the highlight of the day-and-a-half June Board of Regents meeting.

Committee Reports

Personal policies and procedures: HR Design implements on July 1, 2015 and has informational sessions underway. The current state budget deliberations include possible impacts on faculty tenure decisions, sick accumulation, etc. WRS has announced changes to health insurance plans effective January 1, 2015 which will increase out of pocket costs and separate out the dental plan. Regarding new campus recruitments, a new Job Apply system is being implemented, primarily for university staff positions, but all positions will ideally go through the new system in future.

Communications: It was suggested that there should be a meeting between John, Kristin C., and Tom to transition the web before the next CASI meeting.

Nominating and Districting : The Graduate School is exploring creating their own CASI but have currently not found much support. Julie K is still working on filling the two open appointments.

Professional Development: All five of the applicants received professional development awards and it was suggested that if one of the awardees were at your center that the CASI member congratulate these winners.

Other Business

Kristin generously offered to host Sept 14 retreat at WID.

If anyone is interested in a Vice Chair position with CASI please let Julie K know.

Review future topics and speakers

Harry Webne-Behrman will be presenting updates on HR Design, and Linda Scholl and Maya Holtzman would like to have a conversation on forming an advisory body for the Dean of the Graduate School

Action Items

Tom Zinnen will talk to John Richards regarding process for CASI news for posting to web pages

Adjourned at 2:28 pm

Next Meeting:

July 13th, 2015; 1:30-3:00pm
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Future Minutes: Tom

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Schears