

## **MINUTES**

Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education  
Committee on Academic Staff Issues  
1:30 – 3 p.m., Monday, March 12, 2018  
Primate Center, 1220 Capitol Court  
Minutes: Moira Harrington

**Present:** Julie Karpelenia, Julie Schears, Kate Olson, Tim Bendfelt, Jennifer Heinritz, Denny Hackel, Moira Harrington, Judy Bauman

### **Convene**

#### **Tour of Primate Center**

**Jordana Lenon**, Public Information, Outreach and Editorial Specialist, conducted the tour. She explained that Wisconsin is a pioneer in many fields of human health research, both mental and physical, and part of that is driven by the Wisconsin National Primate Research Center. Due to this work, there have been breakthroughs in understanding the human aging process, many aspects of female reproductive health, neurology, Parkinson's disease and global infectious disease like Ebola or the Zika virus and more.

Wisconsin's center is one of a seven in a national network. It was formed in the early 1960s by Congress and is funded, in part, by the National Institutes of Health.

The committee learned about the marmosets and macaques housed at the center and also toured a lab building but did not step into any of the clean labs. The tour included a stop at the lab where developmental biologist Jamie Thomson first derived a line of a human stem cells, opening a new field of exploration.

#### **Welcome and Chair Report**

We welcome Jennifer Heinritz to the committee. She will be filling the seat on the committee formerly held by Jay Krafft. Heinritz is a lab manager at the Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery and fills a seat that is appointed by the VCRGE.

#### **General Reports**

ASA/ASEC reports

Hackel reported the Assembly will vote today, once again—following a vote in about 2000—on a research titling.

#### **Committee Reports**

Personnel Policies and Procedures/HR Design (Bauman)

No update at this time.

Communications (Bendfelt)

Knowledge Base website updated with membership and committee assignments. New member Kurt McMillen is without a district assignment pending redistricting details.

Nominating and Districting (Johnson)

No update at this time.

Professional Development (Schears)

The committee is reviewing OVCRGE academic staff applicants for professional development and will provide recommendations at the end of March.

### **Other Business**

Approve minutes from February 2018 meeting

Minutes will be approved via an email vote due to a lack of a quorum.

Vote on 2018-19 vice chair

Voting will occur via an email vote due to a lack of a quorum.

OVCRGE CASI signing on to a letter prepared by the Law School CASI to request reimbursement for academic staff tuition.

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### Possible center tours

RSP

Wisconsin Energy Institute

Institute on Aging

Bock Labs, which encompasses Institute for Molecular Virology, the Physical Sciences Lab and the Laboratory of Cellular and Molecular Biology

Research Animal Resource Center

Wisconsin Press

### Possible invited speakers/topics

Isabelle Girard, director of campus research cores

Nick Novak—re-invite—assistant vice chancellor for research services

UW2020

UW External Relations, Ben Miller  
Equity and Diversity Committee member on mindfulness in the workplace

**Adjourn**

**Next Meeting**

April 9, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Room 334, Bascom Hall

**Future Minutes**

Katie Olson