

**Minutes  
Academic Staff Executive Committee  
1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Thursday, August 26, 2010  
67 Bascom Hall**

**Members Present:** Daña Alder, Eric Bauman, Charlene Krembs, Carla Love (Acting Chair), Ben Rodriguez, Jim Steele, Valli Warren

**Absent:** Heather Daniels (Chair), Mary Ray (Vice-Chair)

**Others Present:** Cathy Middlecamp and Char Tortorice

**Call to Order/Agenda Review**

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair, Carla Love at 1:30 p.m.

**Automatic Consent Business**

ASEC minutes of Thursday, August 19, 2010 were approved.

**Guest: Cathy Middlecamp and Char Tortorice, former ASEC Chairs**

Cathy and Char provided ASEC with a historical perspective on academic staff governance and how it evolved after UW System merger.

Prior to merger, academic staff was not actually defined as a separate group. After merger, academic staff realized that they were no longer being appointed to university committees. In 1975 MASA was created to be the “eyes and ears of academic staff” and sought to remedy what was at the time viewed as a disenfranchisement of rights. In 1985 Chancellor Irving Shain created an Academic Staff Committee. Under Chancellor Shalala, legislation was passed that mandated academic staff be a part of the governance structure. Academic Staff Governance was modeled after Faculty Governance, where the Assembly mirrors the Senate and ASEC mirrors the University Committee.

Lessons learned:

- High level academic staff administrators involvement in AS governance helps build allies
- Relationship with the Provost is most important
- Maintain open communication with the University Committee (in Char’s day ASEC and the UC met for lunch once a month)
- ASEC members were provided training from University Relations on how to speak to the Media (Currently the person who provides this training is John Lucas. ASEC asked Donna to follow-up with him)

Char has been interviewed for the oral history project. Valli encouraged others to participate in this project as a way to preserve academic staff governance history.

**Business:**

**Planning September Assembly Meeting**

Donna will make revisions and check with Cathy to see if she will read her resolution at the October Assembly meeting instead of September.

**Review planning document**

Donna will revise planning document based on discussion.

ASEC members will next week decide which priority they want to work on for the year.

## **Revisit joint governance committees reporting to ASEC**

ASEC members added the University Child Care Committee to the list.

## **Reports**

### **Update on University Safety Committee – Eric Bauman**

- Eric spoke to Brian Bridges, Police Captain to see about the feasibility of creating a University Safety Committee.
- Currently ad hoc committees are created for any crisis/issue that arises on campus. There is a multi-faceted approach to safety on this campus.
- Eric will invite Brian to come to a future ASEC meeting to talk about safety in general as well as concerns specific to academic staff.

### **Next ASEC Meeting September 2, 2010 – for decision**

Guest: Chancellor Martin

- Closed Session: Committee Appointments and Donna's Review
- Discussion of Planning Document
- Discussion topics for the Chancellor
- Reports

## **General Report**

Secretary of the Academic Staff – Donna Silver

- Requests ASEC members confirm liaison assignments for the year
- Met with the Communications Committee regarding the website
- Met with Mentoring Committee regarding Orientation Meeting in October and steps they to becoming an Academic Staff Standing Committee

## **Fieldtrip to Van Vleck B130**

ASEC members adjourned at 3:45 to visit if B130 Van Vleck Hall, and whether this may be a suitable location for future Assembly Meetings.

*Minutes submitted by Donna Silver, Secretary of the Academic Staff*