

Minutes
Academic Staff Executive Committee
1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 3, 2011
67 Bascom Hall

Members Present: Daña Alder, Heather Daniels (Chair), Wayne Feltz, Charlene Krembs, Mary Ray (Vice-Chair), Ben Rodriguez, Jim Steele

Members Absent: Barb Lewis, Valli Warren

Others Present: Noel Radomski, Jennifer Sheridan

Call to Order/Agenda Review

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Heather Daniels at 1:30 p.m.

Automatic Consent Business

ASEC minutes of Thursday, January 27, 2011, were approved with corrections.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/Good Works

Heather will send a letter on the behalf of ASEC thanking the WAA for their generous support of the Academic Staff Excellence Awards.

ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Nominating Committee – Jennifer Sheridan

Jennifer provided an overview of the nominating committee process. Some of the highlights from her discussion with ASEC include:

- How best to identify and motivate academic staff to serve on the various Standing Committees--
 - Utilize the CASIs
 - Place more information on the website (i.e. enthusiastic quotes from past committee members)
 - Conduct exit interviews (Jennifer will send Donna the names of people who have decided not to retain their committee seat).
 - Celebrate the contributions of the standing committees
- Next September the Nominating Committee would like to send the “get involved” website link to all academic staff; possibly with the Chancellor’s letter encouraging participation in governance.
- ASEC endorsed the NC’s efforts to broaden the representation on various committees by placing new names on the slates.

BUSINESS

Motion to Convene in Closed Session Pursuant to Wisc. Stats. 19.85 (1) (c)

- IES Search
- Nominating Committee

Budget Planning Guidelines Discussion

Heather will draft a letter to the Provost on behalf of ASEC with suggestions for the planning guidelines. ASEC will review letter on February 10, 2011.

Budget Committee Implementation

- Heather will send a letter regarding this committee to Assembly Reps.
- ASEC members will think of academic staff to solicit as well.

New Badger Partnership — Noel Radomski

Noel reviewed current trends in the higher education/public universities landscape that relate to the Badger Partnership. These include the move toward privatization and performance-based budgeting.

- Concerns were raised about keeping tuition affordable and preserving our governance structure.
- Current legislature would favorably view increases in the number of transfer students from the colleges and tech schools that offer a liberal arts certificate would be viewed favorably by the current legislature.

Excellence Awards

- Donna will work with Heather to draft a letter updating donors on recent developments regarding the Chancellor and WAA's commitments to these awards.

Next ASEC Meeting February 10, 2011 - for decision

Guest: Damon Williams

- Motion to convene in closed Session pursuant to Wisc. Stats. 19.85 (1) (c)
 - IES (Institute for Environmental Studies) Search
 - Nominating Committee
 - Budget Committee Membership
- Follow-up on Steve Stern's presentation: Additional sources of data and collection of anecdotal evidence
- Further discussion on Margaret Harrigan's presentation
- Review Draft of Recommendations to the Provost's 2011-13 Budget Planning Guidelines
- Next ASEC Meeting, February 24, 2011 - for decision
- Liaison Reports
 - *CNCS - Charlene*

GENERAL REPORTS***Chair – Heather Daniels***

- Received last year's data from job security. Data shows the number of academic staff receiving job security has increased in one year from 300 to over 500. This reflects positively on the work that was done in promoting job security last year.
- Heather will send ASEC the career title progression data. This data supports Steve Stern's projections that 20% of people eligible for promotion will seek a title change.
- UW System Reps meet on Friday, February 4, 2011. Heather anticipates an update on the Unit Clarification law suit and status of the Senate Bill which was introduced last week.
- Attended HR Working Group: discussed the greatest HR challenges. Heather suggested the need to get regular data reports from HR related to academic staff governance.
 - Steve Stern talked about AS branding

Secretary of the Academic Staff - Donna Silver

- OSAS received four applications for Distinguished Prefix promotions.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Donna Silver, Secretary of the Academic Staff