

Minutes – Approved 10-1-09

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**Academic Staff Executive Committee
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 24, 2009
67 Bascom Hall**

Members Present: Daña Alder, Jo Ann Carr, Heather Daniels (Chair), Carla Love, Charlene Krembs, Mary Ray, Valli Warren

Others Present: Eric Bauman, Wayne Feltz

Call to Order/Agenda Review

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

Automatic Consent Business

ASEC minutes of Friday, September 10, 2009 were approved.

Guest: Eden Inoway-Ronnie

Eden distributed a draft memo from the Provost for the formation of an Ad Hoc Collective Bargaining Coordination Committee. On behalf of the Provost, she invited ASEC to nominate someone to serve on that committee. She mentioned that CNCS (Council for Non-Represented Classified Staff) has asked to attend the meetings. She also informed ASEC that the UW System is currently looking for proposals for a neutral collective bargaining consultant.

Another Town Hall Meeting on the restructuring of the research enterprise has been scheduled for October 23rd for Arts and Humanities. Carla asked if the meeting time could be moved from 11:30-12:30 to 12-1 to accommodate teaching schedules that day. The first Town Hall was video captured (<http://www.news.wisc.edu/research-and-graduate-ed/>).

The Associated Students of Madison is hosting a Town Hall meeting on the Madison Initiative for Undergraduates (MIU) on September 28th 4:30 p.m. They are encouraging faculty and staff to attend. Eden mentioned that the MIU has an oversight committee, which is posted on the web. There will be two waves of funding; the first will be faculty and staff hires and the second will be for student activities and services.

Eden reported that Steve Lund is working on a response to ASEC's September 8 letter to the Chancellor regarding Category B Academic Staff salaries.

She also reported that in the UW System Provost's meeting it was announced that UW-Madison had a proposal funded from the President's Growth Agenda. She mentioned

that the Provosts discussed the Inclusive Excellence Initiative and encouraged ASEC to invite Associate Vice-Chancellor Damon Williams to one of our future meetings.

Introductions

ASEC members introduced themselves and welcomed Eric Bauman and Wayne Feltz who have been nominated to serve on ASEC (a member vote will take place at the next Assembly meeting).

Chair Report –Heather Daniels

Heather announced that she will be attending the UW System Academic Staff Reps meeting this Friday.

She also encouraged all ASEC members to try to attend one of the up-coming Town Hall Meetings and to review the video tape of the first town meeting which is on the Provost's website. Jo Ann will attend on September 30 and Wayne will attend on October 1.

Secretary of Academic Staff Report—Donna Silver

Donna provided an update on the guest speakers scheduled to attend future ASEC meetings. The Chancellor will be joining ASEC on November 5 and will return to the Assembly on March 8th.

Donna has been getting positive feedback on the creation of listserv to all academic staff.

She reported that she attended the PD Grant Brown Bag lunch and also met with the PDRC. That committee is interested in exploring ways to utilize the web for grant submissions and reporting.

Liaison Reports

Valli reported on the Board of Regents meeting she attended. She was pleased that President Reilly mentioned Academic Staff when he spoke of how he'd rather support faculty and staff than the new human resource system if only the current system wasn't in such dire straits.

Mary Ray attended the UAPC (University Academic Planning Council). It was noted at the meeting that the Council only has one member from the Humanities while other areas are well represented. While the agenda was far reaching she reported on the following issues:

- A subcommittee developed a flowchart which should make the course proposal process more transparent
- The Madison Initiative (Mary will send ASEC member the full report)

Jo Ann provided a detailed summary of the Campus Planning Committee. The Provost spoke of the strategic planning process and how the campus is advocating for upcoming projects. The School of Nursing project is a high priority. She explained that the maintenance allocation from System is based on square footage of building space. Other

projects on the horizon include: proposals for a Primate Research Center, replacing green houses, and creating chemistry instructional lab space.

Debriefing on Assembly Meeting

All agreed that the name tags were a great idea as was allowing time prior to the meeting for social networking. For October, Heather would like to identify two ASEC reps to pass microphones to Assembly members who are speaking from the floor.

Jo Ann would like to know what percentage of each district range is represented at Assembly Meetings. It was thought that the DRC might be able to pull some data for us.

Saying Goodbye to Julie Bailey

ASEC members showed their appreciation for all the years that Julie has worked in the Office of the Secretary of Academic Staff.

Approval of Committee Appointment

The Nominating Committee forwarded the following name to ASEC:
Sophia Chiron-Stevens for the Recreation Sports Board
ASEC unanimously approved the candidate.

Academic Staff Ad Hoc Committee on the Research Enterprise

Daña made a motion to convene in Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1) (c) for the discussion of this topic and Jo Ann seconded it.

Climate Statement

Mary Ray distributed her version of the memo regarding climate questions in assessing the research enterprise reorganization. This will be discussed at the next ASEC meeting. Donna will send out the letter electronically along with materials she has received from Lindsey Stoddard Cameron.

Next ASEC meeting agenda (10/1)

- Benefits Fair sign-up
- Discuss October 12 Assembly Meeting (H1N1 presentation by Chief Riseling and Sarah Van Orman, MD, Executive Director, University Health Services)
- Discuss plans for an AS collective bargaining ad hoc committee and nominating process for finding someone to serve on the Provost's ad hoc committee
- Climate Letter next steps
- Reports from ASEC reps on Town Hall Meetings also request volunteers from ASEC to attend the remaining two scheduled meetings

Meeting Adjourned at 3:40

Minutes submitted by Donna Silver, Secretary of Academic Staff