

Minutes

Academic Staff Executive Committee

1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 12, 2009

67 Bascom Hall

Members Present: Daña Alder, Eric Bauman, Jo Ann Carr (Vice-Chair), Heather Daniels (Chair), Wayne Feltz, Charlene Krembs, Carla Love, Mary Ray, Valli Warren

Others Present: Greg Iaccarino, Renee Meiller, Brian Rust, Mo Bischoff, Miriam Simmons, Jim Wollack, Ron Kraemer, Kathy Christoph, Peyton Smith and Tawny Chandler

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 Thursday, November 5, 2009 were approved as corrected.

Guests: Ron Kraemer, CIO from DoIT, Kathy Christoph, Director, Academic Computer Services and Peyton Smith, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Extended Programs provided ASEC with an update about the Digital Measures project.

- This is a project sponsored by the Provost.
- The goal is to reduce data entry and duplication and take advantage of information that is already managed electronically, as well as to meet the needs of the various user groups on campus.
- Peyton requested that ASEC identify additional individuals for the Digital Measures Campus Contact list.

Committee Reports

Communications Committee: Greg Iaccarino, Renee Meiller, Co-chairs and Brian Rust previewed the new Academic Staff home page.

- They plan to demonstrate the newly designed website at the December Assembly meeting.
- Heather will send out an announcement to Assembly Representatives about the RSS feed that is currently available on the site.

Compensation and Economic Benefits Committee: Miriam Simmons, Chair and Jim Wollack, who is the primary author of the CEBC report, “Implications of Category A Salary Maximum for Academic Staff” discussed the report with ASEC.

- ASEC Members congratulated the CEBC on doing such a thorough report.
- ASEC will send their suggested edits to Miriam, who in turn will work with the CEBC and making revisions.

- Once ASEC receives the revised report they will decide how to move forward in a strategic manner.

Business

A motion was made and seconded to convene in Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1) (c), to discuss:

- The formation and selection of a chair for the Academic Staff Ad Hoc Committee on Collective Bargaining.
- Identification of names to forward to Vice-Chancellor Bazzell for serving on the HR Director Search and Screen Committee.

A motion was made and seconded to move out of Closed Session.

Heather reported that after the Provost received ASEC's letter on Climate Issues, she forwarded it onto the Assembly. Heather passed along some of the favorable responses she received from Assembly Representatives. Donna will post the letter on the Academic Staff website.

Follow-up on the meeting ASEC had with the CASI groups:

- Wayne reported that he is updating the contact list so that the information on our website is up-to-date.
- It was agreed that once we have an updated list, each ASEC member will serve as a liaison to one or two CASIs. This will entail keeping in touch with the CASIs and perhaps meeting with their CASIs once during the year.
- Once the inactive CASIs have been identified, ASEC will request that the Provost work with those colleges to revive their CASIs.
- ASEC will start working with CASIs to identify Assembly Representatives for districts with vacancies.
- Heather thanked Wayne for his work in following up from the CASI meeting.

December Assembly Meeting

- PPPC's proposed changes to the ASPP - break into small groups to discuss?
- Report from the Ad Hoc Committee on the Research Enterprise - break into small groups to discuss?
- Communications Committee Academic Staff website demonstration.
- Donna will bring a draft of this agenda to the next ASEC meeting.
- Carla requested that when sending the agenda and minutes to the Assembly, Donna highlight the important details in the body of the email message.
- Valli and Mary Ray will look into MASA hosting another reception at the start of the meeting.

Next ASEC Meeting November 19

- Discuss Category A Report
- Jo Ann will report on the Campus Planning Committee
- Valli will report on the Board of Regents Meeting
- Discussion of the Distinguished Prefix Title

- Discussion of the Provost's Priority Document

Announcement/Good Works

ASEC commended Heather for her leadership in giving academic staff a greater visibility on campus.

- In the future it was suggested that Donna notify University Communications about the individuals and programs we acknowledge at the Assembly meetings
- We should suggest to the Communications Committee that these individuals could be profiled on the Academic Staff website.
- ASEC members should send their photos to Donna so that their pictures can appear on the Academic Staff website.

Chair Report: Heather Daniels

Heather reported on the following:

- She met with Bill Tracy, Chair of the University Committee and discussed:
 - The consensual relations report is currently being evaluated by the Office of Equity and Diversity. Once the draft is ready, Bill will send a copy on to ASEC.
 - Bill also mentioned that he is going to discuss reviving the currently defunct UAPC Budget Committee.
 - Heather will keep an eye on the University Committee's agenda so that ASEC can follow this issue.
 - Lastly, Bill shared a document which lists the Provost's priorities. Heather will send this out to ASEC to discuss it at our next ASEC meeting.
- Heather mentioned that she will forward ASEC members a letter that was written by some of the Deans regarding the restructuring of the research enterprise.

Secretary of Academic Staff Report: Donna Silver

Donna developed a reporting committee reporting form that she would like ASEC members to use at future meetings. She will mail the form out as well as post it on the ASEC web page.

Liaison Reports

Eric attended an orientation meeting with Mary Czyszak-Lyne, facilitator of the LTE Committee. Their focus is on finding ways to convert existing long-standing LTE positions into civil service positions.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:30

Minutes submitted by Donna Silver, Secretary of Academic Staff