

Minutes

Academic Staff Executive Committee
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 17, 2009
67 Bascom Hall

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

Others Present: Lauren Ehlers, TJ Madsen, Rashi Mangalick, Julie Nischik, Jonah Zinn on behalf of ASM (Associated Students of Madison)

Absent: 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 Thursday, December 10, 2009 were approved.

Business

- ASEC discussed Jo Ann's draft response to the Provost regarding academic staff involvement in his list of campus priorities. She will revise the document so that it can be sent to the Provost
- Discussion of Academic Staff Excellence Rewards Initiative
 - Heather reported that Steve Stern will meet with ASEC regularly throughout the spring. She and Donna will have monthly meetings with him.
 - Decided to collect relevant resources to have on-hand for future meetings with Steve:
 - Contact PPPC regarding Job Security Issues, Distinguished Prefix Title
 - Contact CEBC regarding Instructional Leave Policy, Distinguished Prefix Title
 - Contact Mark Warner of the DRC for data related to Program Manager Title
 - Review relevant Assembly Documents (Donna will work with Heather on this)
 - Will discuss how ASEC's priorities intersect with this Initiative and prioritize what portfolio tools are most important to Academic Staff.
- A motion was made and seconded to convene in Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stats 19.85 (1) (c), to discuss:
 - Creation of a Nominating Committee election slate
- Motion was made and seconded to move out of Closed Session.
- Donna to update list of candidates. The committee will await responses from Heather's email request to the Assembly.

- Campus Planning Committee Report and Discussion: Jo Ann
 - Focus of the CPC meeting – capital budgeting process and UW-Madison’s unmet facilities needs.
 - The meeting raised two issues for Jo Ann:
 - *Has the annual report of CPC been presented to the Academic Staff Assembly? What is/should be the practice for reports from other joint governance committees?*
 - Currently, Donna informs ASEC when reports are received. Reports are made available to interested members.
 - Recommendations:
 - Provide links to these reports from the AcStaff website
 - Add a sentence in future appointment letters informing academic staff that it their responsibility to report to ASEC on issues concerning academic staff
 - This will be added to our queue/wish-list of topics to discuss in the future
 - *How can ASEC and the Academic Staff Assembly work with the CASIs to make certain academic staff are represented on School and College Facilities Committees?*
 - In our next communication with CASIs we can ask them to consider this issue.

Guests: Lauren Ehlers, TJ Madsen, Rashi Mangalick, Julie Nischik, Jonah Zinn on behalf of ASM (Associated Students of Madison) present their resolution regarding Academic Staff Imperative to Reduce Textbook Costs

- Given that rising textbook costs have placed a financial burden on students, ASM requests that ASEC consider their resolution for the Academic Staff Assembly.
- The discussion focused on:
 - Start-up cost for textbook rentals system is prohibitive, thus this is not a viable solution at this time
 - When not pedagogically imperative to use new editions of textbooks, announce allowable older editions for purchase.
 - Explore the use of electronic, open source print and course readers.

Chair Report: Heather Daniels

Heather reported on the following:

- Spoke with President Reilly at the Regent’s dinner about current concerns of academic staff
- Communicated with Miriam Simmons, Chair of the Compensation and Economic Benefits Committee (CEBC), regarding an alternative solution to the Category A maxima issue, a fourth title in the prefix titling progression. Miriam was amenable to this and will report back to the CEBC.
- CEBC has added two additional sections to the FAQs on the website: domestic partner benefits and extraordinary salary ranges.

- Discussion with Bruno and Miriam about feature article in Wisconsin Week on job security. Jo Ann suggested bringing the Communications Committee into the conversation as they move forward. Heather will invite Renee and Greg to the meeting.
- Provided ASEC members with a letter from the Chancellor to Professor Downey regarding his concern that academic staff be treated similarly to faculty addressing salary gaps.
- At this half-way point in the year, Heather thanks ASEC members for all their hard work in helping to make academic staff more visible with senior administration.
- Many UW System Reps reported that their assemblies will not be passing resolutions regarding unit clarification. ASEC members agreed that for the record, it was important to make a statement.

Secretary of the Academic Staff Report: Donna Silver

Donna reported:

- Her office will purchase a camera to take pictures of ASEC members for the internet.
- She wonders if it is necessary to have all Assembly meetings recorded
 - She will check ASPP to see if this is a requirement
- The Roundtable luncheon was a success and the electronic registration is going well.

Next ASEC Meeting Agenda 1/07/10

- Discussion of the Report from the Ad Hoc Committee on the Research Enterprise
- Motion to convene in closed Session pursuant to Wisc. Stats. 19.85 (1) (c)
 - Nominating Committee Slate
- Review ASEC goals for 2009-10
- Plan for ASEC follow-up meeting with Standing Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs
- Discuss ASM (Associated Students of Madison) Textbook Resolution
- Craft Unit Clarification Statement for Assembly Approval in February
- Liaison Reports
 - Board of Regents –Valli
 - UAPC – Mary
 - Digital Measures Meeting – Charlene
- Next ASEC Meeting January 21, 2010 – for decision

Meeting Adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Donna Silver, Secretary of the Academic Staff