

Wayne Feltz

1. Tell us your current title, department/center/school/division/unit, and years of service as a member of the academic staff. Can you also describe what you do on a daily basis?

I currently serve as an Assistant Scientist for Space Science Engineering Center. My research responsibilities include providing oversight as a principal investigator/project manager for six research grants. My research is focused upon development of meteorological algorithms using space-based and ground-based remote sensing instrumentation and providing meteorological expertise for atmospheric field projects for use in aviation safety. I have been employed at SSEC since 1991, first as a graduate student and then as Academic Staff member starting in 1994.

2. Have you held any previous positions on campus? If so, what were they and what did you do?

- Vice-chair of the Graduate School CASI, 2008- present - responsible for chairing most GS-CASI monthly meetings (except when Dean is attending)
- GS-CASI District 4 representative and chair GS-CASI Nominations and Districting committee, 2003 - present
- GS Academic Planning Committee academic staff representative, 2008 - Present
- Vice Chancellor for Research/Dean of Graduate school search committee academic staff representative, September 2010 - present
- ASEC representative - November 2009 - June 2010

3. Are you interested in any special issues involving academic staff? For example, in the areas of compensation, equity, job security, etc?

I recognize that the University of Wisconsin is unique in coveting shared governance between academic staff and faculty. I have served over seven years on the Graduate School CASI and have built strong collaborations with other academic staff peers within the Graduate School. My involvement within GS-CASI as committee member, chair of nominations/districting and currently vice-chair has only brought a deeper appreciation for shared governance. During this time of change on campus, I'm particularly interested in the subjects of academic staff furloughs, unionization, and restructuring of the current graduate school research centers.

4. Why do you want to be on this particular committee? Why would you be an effective person on this committee?

I have built a solid network of peer colleagues across most of the graduate school centers. I have knowledge of how the academic staff contributes not only to the overall functioning of the University but also the large financial contribution it makes to University, city and state by

successfully competing for federal grants and subcontracts. As a academic staff member who has PI responsibility, I have a unique perspective on Graduate School centers and how many staff members are directors and PI funded solely on Federal grants.

5. Have you had any experiences in your work or personal life that will help you succeed as a member of this committee?

I have general knowledge of how both Faculty and Academic Staff governance function on campus and understand how unique and coveted this environment is to UW-Madison. I have gained a wealth of UW-Madison governance experience over the last decade and can provide perspective from Graduate School centers with transition to new VCR/DG position.