

## **ASEC Activities: March 9 – April 6, 2018**

### **Announcements:**

- The Office of Human Resources will be holding Job Description Orientations. There will be in person sessions during the week of April 23. There will also be an online version. You are encouraged to attend one of these sessions to learn about the next steps in the Title and Total Compensation study.
- A grant competition will be announced this week regarding free Division of Continuing Studies (DCS) courses. A total of up to \$12,500 will be awarded this year to academic staff for DCS courses either happening this summer or next year. Applicants will need to apply for a specific course. The grant application is very similar to the application for the Executive Education grants. Watch your email for the official announcement.

### **Report:**

- Cathy Middlecamp (Interim Co-Director, Office of Sustainability), Paul Robbins (Director of the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies), David Darling (Associate Vice Chancellor of Facilities Planning and Management), and Margaret Tennessen (Deputy Associate Vice Chancellor, FP&M) shared the Office of Sustainability's progress to date and future plans for campus sustainability efforts.
- Bruno Browning and Heather Daniels met with Mark Walters and Patrick Sheehan, Office of Human Resources (OHR), to discuss the pay plan as it applies to Research Associates. They also discussed Research Professor titling. There will be an omnibus committee (faculty, academic staff, and OHR) that will look at the several reports on various professor titles and make recommendations to OHR.
- ASEC reviewed the UW-Extension resolution on years of service transferring to UW-Madison. There was a lot of discussion about the implications of the differences in the policies. They also met with Patrick Sheehan, OHR, and received feedback from Brian Vaughan, Office of Legal Affairs.
- ASEC met with Chancellor Blank. She shared that there was a 20% increase in freshman applicants. She realizes that increasing incoming class size may put stress on instructional resources, and she will target the needed areas for more funding. She discussed Bucky's Tuition Promise initiative.
- ASEC met with Associate Vice Chancellor for Research Nadine Conner to discuss the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Research Scientist Titles. Items discussed included the 5% institutional funding, access to internal funding competitions, appointments types and durations, and that the omnibus committee (previously mentioned) will take the next steps with the recommendations.
- ASEC met with Mary Luther to get updates on TTC progress. ASEC discussed leveling policies as well as the transition of academic staff from UW-Extension and how their needs are being integrated into our TTC study.
- ASEC met with Vice Chancellor for Libraries Ed Van Gemert to discuss the future plans for the campus libraries.

### **Nominations and Appointments**

- Appointed Scott Mellor to Meyerhoff Award committee
- Appointed Kevin Niemi, Deb Shapiro, Dorothea Salo, and Heather Mc Fadden to the UW-Madison/UW-Extension Academic Staff governance working group