

Annual Report 1999-2000

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Topics Discussed 1999-2000:

1. Academic Year Organizational issues: We are creating a web page to facilitate sharing information with the L&S academic staff and with members of other CASIs.
2. Academic staff professorial title series: The committee generally favors the creation of the proposed titles as a means of providing a more accurate description of the work performed by academic staff members and as a way of helping UW academic staff to better compete for grants. Academic staff role in departmental governance Discussions centered on what might be the appropriate role for academic staff, and what steps could be taken to achieve that role. The committee is aware that there are large differences in the roles that academic staff currently play in different departments across the College.
3. Academic staff voice in curricular decisions: We have not yet begun discussion on this topic except as it is related to the larger question of governance.
4. Academic staff merit reviews: Discussion focused on how merit reviews, if any, are currently conducted, on academic staff representation in the merit review process, and on how to deal with the distribution of merit raises in small departments.
5. Academic staff professional development: We have gathered resource material and have explored some of the constraints that limit academic staff members' ability to take advantage of available programs.