

L&S CASI Annual Report
2007-08

CASI Members:

Brent Chapman, Charlie Fry, Bill Heiss, Sharon Kahn, Liane Kosaki, Victor Macaruso, Gary Sandefur (co-chair), Jeffrey Shokler, Maggie Sullivan (ex-officio), Michelle, Traband, Belinda Velazquez (co-chair), Sara Ziemendorf

L&S CASI web site: <http://www.ls.wisc.edu/casi/>

L&S CASI Meetings:

The L&S CASI meets the first Thursday of every month. We are fortunate to have Dean Gary Sandefur as an active participant in all our meetings.

Committees:

Standing Sub-committee on Appointments & Elections:

Sharon Kahn and Sara Ziemendorf.

This committee is typically composed of all departing members and one continuing member. The committee's responsibility is to coordinate the election process, e.g., set timelines; to seek nominations for election to CASI. When there are appointed positions open on the CASI, the committee seeks candidates for the appointments. They are then submitted to the Dean for appointment.

Sub-committee on visibility:

Victor Macaruso, Liane Kosaki, Belinda Velazquez

This committee was created to explore ways to increase our CASI's visibility among academic staff. It also seeks to encourage academic staff to inform us of how we can better meet their needs and on what we need to bring back to our Dean.

Activities Accomplished 2007-08:

1. Participated in the Benefits Fair by having a table and answering questions for academic staff.
2. Conducted listening sessions for academic staff with the Dean in the fall and the spring. Sought questions or topics of concern in advance.
3. Sponsored a Brown bag on Promotions and Base Adjustments for academic staff.
4. Shared the document with Chairs and Directors; and disseminate to academic staff:
College of Letters & Science Academic Staff Performance Review Procedures

Activities Planned for 2008-2009:

1. Conduct listening sessions for academic staff with the Dean in the fall and the spring.
2. Invite University Ombuds to meet with the CASI in an effort to learn more about how they work with academic staff in the College.
3. Sponsor a brown bag discussion with Damon Williams in the spring semester to discuss issues of climate.
4. Discuss possibilities for professional development and options for academic staff sabbaticals.
5. Possibly sponsor a brown bag discussion about workload issues.