

CASI Sept. 10, 2009 Minutes

1. minutes approved

2. announcements

1. Melissa passed out brochures

2. Maggie - pandemic instructions will soon be sent out.

3. Jeff: tomorrow is opening day for Washburn Observatory. Open house 2-4.

3. Dean's update

1. Pandemic planning: lots of time has been spent so that a lost semester doesn't occur. University is following this very carefully.

2. Furlough planning and implementation has cost a lot of money. Many hours of sorting through how this will work. Was a difficult summer for HR & payroll: roll-back of 2% and furlough imple.

4. Bad news is that the UW budget was cut (most depts by 2-4%, except for L&S).

5. Good news: Madison Initiative went through. Extra 40 mil \$ for next four years. 20 mil to scholarships, 20 mil to new hires, new sections, new ideas.

6. Awards for climate and diversity: on hold because of no budget yet. Gary has a group of volunteers, but hasn't started up the group yet.

7. Who is deciding MI funding? Proposals go to Deans/Directors, then Provost (who hasn't yet said how they will look at proposals), then Univ Comm. appointed oversight committee for looking at the ideas will take over. Gary and Nancy Westfal-Johnson from L&S. Deans/Dir will prioritize, then Provost will prioritize (Provost doesn't want anything D/D won't support.)

8. What about Stimulus money: we got 2-3 mil \$ for research in the first few weeks, which generates cost recovery money for the college. It will also allow more staff to be off 101, which frees up those funds.

9. Melissa Luck will go to the ASEC meeting on Oct. 29th in place of Jeff.

10. Meeting with VCDC rep (Damon Williams): Ritt Deitz is coordinating. Specifically for Academic Staff. Should be a "learning session" about climate and diversity (focus on climate). No presentation, just questions and answers. Just need to find a date. Ritt will set it up.

11. Dean's listening sessions. Suggestion for broadcasting it over the web? Concern that people won't be comfortable with recording and may not be so candid.

12. Gary would like to know what we're hearing about collective bargaining.

13. Bylaws subcommittee: Maggie will do first swipe and mark areas that need clarifying or looking at.

14. L&S CASI website: needs updating? Needs to look like the college's?