

Academic Staff Committee

Meeting Minutes – 4 November 2010

Heritage Conference Room

Members: Brent Blahnik (Chairperson) Samantha Surowiec
 Katrina Hrivnak (absent) Kelly Kramp
 David Kieper Linda Parins

Guests: None

1. Welcome

Meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm by Brent Blahnik, ASC Chair.

2. Minutes of October 21, 2010 Approval

Minutes of the October 21, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Slight changes were noted. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously. Samantha Surowiec will submit approved minutes to the SOFAS office.

3. Unionization Presentation

Presentations on unionization for academic staff and faculty have been scheduled for November 9 and 11. The November 9 session will have presenters from TAUWP and AFT. The November 11 session will feature local lawyer Tom Parins who will talk in general on labor unionization laws.

4. Inclusive Excellence Conference

The 2011 UW-System Academic Staff Conference will be held July 14 – 15, 2011 at UW-Fox Valley. The conference central theme is “Inclusive Excellence”. Brent Blahnik will inquire with the Provost to see if they will provide funding for up to four academic staff members to attend this conference.

5. University Committee Update

The October 27, 2010 University Committee meeting had three main discussion topics:

- a) Masters in Nursing Online Program
- b) Resolution or Policy in regards to partner friendly hiring practices
- c) Discussion of issues arising from students missing classes if they participate in the Phuture Phoenix program on campus tour dates.

Please see the SOFAS web site for additional information on discussions at this meeting.

6. Chancellor’s Leadership Council Update

Brent Blahnik reported on the items presented at the November 2, 2010 meeting of this group.

Presentations included:

- Chancellor Harden on the creation of the University's own foundation.
- Ken Bothof and Jeff Krueger on the operation of the Kress Event Center and Athletic facilities.
- Steven Vandenvond on the Adult Learning and Outreach program.

The pdf versions of these presentations are available on the Chancellor's web site under the heading of Chancellor's Leadership Council.

7. Other Business

No other items of business were brought forth.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Next ASC Meeting: November 18, 2010, 1:30 pm, Heritage Conference Room, University Union

Next recording secretary: Kelly Kramp

All meetings are open unless otherwise stated.

Respectfully Submitted David Kieper, Recording Secretary