## ACADEMIC STAFF COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes – 18 March 2009 CL 828

**Members:** Lisa DeLeeuw (Chairperson) Katrina Hrivnak

Brent Blahnik Dan McIver Eric Craver Paul Pinkston

**Guests:** Bill Laatsch, Interim Provost

## 1.) CALL TO ORDER

a. The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Lisa DeLeeuw, ASC Chairperson

## 2.) CONSENT ITEMS

- a. The agenda was approved unanimously
- b. The minutes from the 21 January 2009 meeting were approved via e-mail

#### 3.) DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. *Smoking Policy Update:* Cabinet discussed this at their 17 March meeting and all governance groups have concerns about this proposal. Proposal was sent to the Health and Safety Committee to see how the policy should be changed.
- b. Winter Weather Policy: Lisa DeLeeuw received information from Sheryl Van Gruensven, UWGB HR Director, regarding the differences in application of the Winter Storm absence/cancellation policy as it applies to faculty and Academic Staff. ASC will not be pursuing this.
- c. *Salary Study:* UWS Human Resource Directors will be discussing this study at their meeting at the end of March. Sheryl Van Gruensven, UWGB HR Director, will report back to Lisa DeLeeuw.
- d. Campus Task Force on Interdisciplinarity: was named.
- e. AS Unionization Update: A bill was introduced by Senator Dave Hansen proposing the unionization of all UWS Academic Staff. Sheryl Van Gruensven, UWGB HR Director, will join us at our next meeting to explain what she knows about this proposed legislation. Dan Spielman, Legislative Liaison and Director of Government Relations, is checking to see if we can invite Senator Hansen to campus to discuss this matter with Academic Staff.
- f. *Provost Search:* All Provost Candidates' photos, bios, and curriculum vitae available on the campus Provost Search website.

## 4.) ACTION ITEMS

a. None

#### **5.) INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a. Provost Update:
  - i. *Provost Search:* Approximately 20 applications were received for the position (including 9 outside applications and internal candidate nominations). We are one of seven Provost positions open in the UW System right now. We will continue to accept applications until the end of March. Dr. Harden will interview all finalists with a goal of having the new Provost begin their duties in early July.
  - ii. *Budget Update:* University Committee is very concerned about the recent news on the budget and wants the Senate Budget Committee to take another look at it.
- b. ASC Chair Report (incl. Cabinet, UC Reports):
  - i. February 24 and March 10 Cabinet Meetings were cancelled.
  - ii. 3/3/09 Cabinet meeting:
    - 1. ADA policy/forms from Human Resources were reviewed by Sheryl Van Gruensven, HR Director. Training on same will be offered by Human Resources.
    - 2. Report on progress of Provost search was made, including announcement of placement of first advertisement.
    - 3. Chancellor reported the upcoming Regent meeting will also include a meeting to discuss United Council (Chancellors and student government leaders).
    - 4. Preliminary budget reduction amounts and distribution were reviewed by Chancellor Ward and Vice Chancellor Maki. It was noted that campus and area contingencies will be used in their entirety, as well as the emphasis being placed on the importance of the reduction being a one-time and not base cut and the offset from a tuition increase.
  - iii. 3/17/09 Cabinet meeting:
    - 1. The preliminary budget reduction plans for 09-10 and 10-11 for the campus were reviewed.
    - 2. The student resolution on the campus smoking policy was discussed. Resolution and Cabinet feedback will be sent to a campus committee for further review.
    - 3. Report on progress of Provost search was made, including announcement of launch of website to allow direct feedback from employees.
- c. Faculty Senate Report:
  - i. Meeting minutes are available online on the SOFAS website.
- d. Committee Liaison Report:
  - i. Allocations Committee still has funding for Academic Staff pursuing professional development activities.

# **INFORMATION ITEMS (Continued)**

- e. UWS ASC Rep Report:
  - i. No Report submitted.
- f. General: Information of interest to academic staff is posted on the SOFAS website: http://www.uwgb.edu/sofas/.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Next meeting date TBA in CL828

All meetings are open unless otherwise stated.

Respectfully Submitted by Eric Craver, Recording Secretary