

Academic Staff Committee

Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2012

Cofrin Library, Room 750

Members: Leif Nelson Mary Simonsen
David Kieper Kelly Kramp
Linda Parins (Chairperson) Samantha Surowiec

Guests: None

Meeting Called to order at 10:04 am.

1. Minutes of the December 15, 2011 Academic Staff Committee (ASC) meeting were reviewed and approved.
2. Human Resources had contacted the Academic Staff Personnel Committee chair, Mary Simonsen, and requested names for academic staff members who would be willing to participate on various UW-System working groups related to the new UW-System Personnel system. Members would be required to work eight to ten hours per week from now through approximately March 15. Though the request had a short deadline, Mary was able to forward the name of one interested academic staff member to Human Resources.
3. There has been discussion at previous Academic Staff Committee and University Committee meetings in regards to codifying joint committees between the two groups. This process involves creating common language in each of the respective group's governance handbooks. There has been a proposal to create a Joint Committee on Legislative Affairs that would merge the existing Academic Staff Legislative Committee and the Faculty Senate Legislative Affairs Committee. Cliff Abbott, Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff has drafted proposed language changes needed in each of the handbooks to make this change. The Academic Staff Committee endorses the proposed language changes and will bring the proposed changes to a vote at the next Academic Staff Assembly scheduled for April, 2012.

Also related to joint committees, there have been suggestions to codifying the Awards and Recognition Committee, along with the Library and Instructional Technology Committee, as joint governance committees. Currently, neither of these committees have an equivalent in the Academic Staff handbook. Additional work will need to be done in conjunction with the SOFAS office and the University Committee in regards to proposing handbook updates that would recognize these committees as joint committees.

4. Potential dates and locations for the Academic Staff Assembly were discussed. Tentative dates and times selected were April 19 or April 26 and from 3:00 pm until 4:00 or 4:30 pm. Desired locations were either the University Union 1965 Room, Alumni A/B, or the Phoenix rooms provided seating could be done in a "discussion friendly" layout.
5. Due to the resignation of an academic staff member, two vacancies were created on current academic staff committees. The Leadership and Involvement Committee submitted the names of Vicki Medland as a replacement for the Library and Instructional Technology Committee and Joe Hardenbrook as a replacement for the Professional Development Programming Committee. The Academic Staff Committee approved the names submitted.

6. A report and discussion regarding the recent University Committee meeting occurred. The major topic at the meeting was the proposal to separate Theatre as a disciplinary unit from Art and Music which currently form the Arts and Visual Design interdisciplinary unit.
7. With no other business being brought forth, the Committee adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted David Kieper, Recording Secretary