

ACADEMIC STAFF COMMITTEE MINUTES
October 3, 2007
12:30 p.m., CL825

Present: Sherri Arendt; Eric Craver; Lisa DeLeeuw, Dave Dettman; Paula Ganyard; Dan McIver; Paul Pinkston

1. **Call to Order** – By Chair at 12:30 p.m.
2. **Approve minutes from September 19, 2007 meeting** → Approved as Amended
3. **New Business**
 - a. *Tuition Reimbursement* – UW System Campus comparison → Sherri shared responses from other UW campuses concerning how they handle tuition reimbursement.
 - b. *Board of Regents Diversity Award* → Sherri shared details of the award. Essentially there can be up to 3 nominations per institution in three categories (one nomination per category). The categories are individual, team, and institution/unit. We should be hearing more about this as details become available. When the award is announced officially, Dan will take the news to Cabinet to see how it is going to be handled and ask that the committee be involved.
 - c. *The AS Blog* → Paula reported that the Blog is ready to share with academic staff. Paula will serve as the moderator for now, with that responsibility falling to another committee member after Paula's term is finished. Expect more information and a chance to "try out" the Blog.
 - d. *Academic Staff Assembly* → The group discussed if an assembly is necessary. The code is in the process of changing to require only 1 meeting of the collective academic staff per semester. Since the change is not official quite yet, Dan will check with the SOFAS to see when the code change takes effect. If one is needed or required, we are planning tentatively for the December 5 at 2:30 p.m. More details to follow.

4. Old Business

- a. Leave reporting → Sherri informed the group that the UW representative group she is on requests letters from governance groups by the October 31, indicating our preference for either reporting sick leave hour-for-hour or continue reporting half days as we do now. This is an issue that will be discussed at the AS forum on the November 1.

1. Information Items

- a. *ASC Chair Update* → Voluntary System of Accountability will be coming from System. It will be a tool used by each institution to evaluate themselves. Administrator Evaluation Process was presented to the Cabinet this week. The Cabinet will review and give the ASC and UC chairs feedback at the next Cabinet meeting.
- b. *Provost Update* → The Provost discussed that a revised tuition assistant policy will be implemented sometime this fall. The policy will include details on who is eligible for assistance as well as the available funding sources and limits associated with each source.

The Provost asked for ideas for agenda items for the Academic Staff Forum which will take place on the November 1 from 3-4:30 p.m. in the 1965 Room. Issues to be discussed include reporting of sick leave hours, questions concerning the University Planning Committee, and information on the budget if it has been decided upon by then.

The Provost informed the group that a national consultant has been hired to aid in the planning and management of the growth agenda regardless of what the budget situation turns out to be.

- c. Academic Staff Committee updates, including System Academic Staff Reps report
→ The System reps will most likely be proposing that the Academic Staff System Rep be a more "visible" person, such as the ASC chair. It was recommended by Paula that depending on the time of the official proposal, that the ASC ask the opinion of the entire academic staff if this should be the chair or if they would like to elect a representative to a set term. A climate study tool will be forthcoming.

- d. General (Information of interest to academic staff is posted on the SOFAS website: <http://www.uwgb.edu/sofas/>)

All meetings are open unless otherwise stated.

Respectfully submitted by Dave Dettman