

# Academic Staff Committee

Meeting Minutes – 9 September 2010

Heritage Conference Room

**Members:** Brent Blahnik (Chairperson)                      Ken Knauf  
                 Katrina Hrivnak    Kelly Kramp  
                 David Kieper    Linda Parins

**Guests:**

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## 1. Welcome

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

## 2. Minutes of August 11, 2010 Approval

Minutes of the August 11, 2010 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by David Kieper and seconded by Linda Parins to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously. Katrina Hrivnak will submit approved minutes to the SOFAS office.

## 3. Joint Committee Review

Brent Blahnik distributed a list of the current governance committees developed by the University Committee that is divided into groups of proposed joint governance committees, faculty governance committees, academic staff committees, and other. ASC members discussed the various committees and whether the committee felt they should be in the current groupings or be moved. Brent Blahnik will take the recommendations of the ASC back to the University Committee for further discussion.

## 4. Programming Blog Proposal

The Academic Staff Professional Development Programming Committee submitted a request to the ASC to develop a web blog site for their activities and whether the ASC wanted to also post to the blog site. The ASC discussed the request and agreed that:

- 1) The Professional Development Programming Committee can develop a blog site.
- 2) The Professional Development Programming Committee should work with the SOFAS office to develop a web site under the Academic Staff Governance of the SOFAS site with the same postings that would be on the blog site.
- 3) The Professional Development Programming Committee should conduct a review and survey before the end April, 2011 to assess the value of the blog and web sites.
- 4) The ASC chose to not participate in posting items to the blog site at this time.

## 5. Fringe Benefit Advisory Committee

Brent Blahnik explained that UW-System is seeking a nomination from the campus to server on the UW-System Advisory Committee on Fringe Benefits. One person from the nomination list for this and three other campuses would be select for a three year term. Brent Blahnik will

send an email to all academic staff before the next ASC meeting to solicit who may be interested and the ASC will select a nominee at our next meeting.

#### **6. Chancellor's Leadership Council Update**

Brent Blahnik reported on the items presented at the last meeting of this group. Presentations included:

- Vice Chancellor Tom Maki reviewing the state assisted fund 102 budget for the campus, the campus preparedness for a budget lapse, and what some funds that were carried over were used for (i.e., campus cleanup, instructional funding, grants).
- Mike Stearney on enrollment management and projections. One item of note is that 50% of UWGB freshman are first generation college students.
- Provost Julia Wallace on the UWGB academic plan (which will be presented to the Board of Regents at a future meeting).

#### **7. UC-Update**

Brent Blahnik reported on the items discussed at the last meeting of the University Committee including proposed fringe benefits rates resolution, proposed policy on centers and institutes, and the Provost report in regards to organizational changes in her area.

#### **8. Senate Update**

Has not met as of yet, no update.

#### **9. Other Business**

A general discussion of how various departments allocate departmental funds and time for professional development occurred. There appears to be wide differences between departments in the amount of support, or lack of support, they provide for professional development of their academic staff.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Next ASC Meeting: August 23, 2010, 1:30 pm, Provost Conference Room, CL-835

Next recording secretary: Kelly Kramp

**All meetings are open unless otherwise stated.**

*Respectfully Submitted David Kieper, Recording Secretary*