

Academic Staff Committee

Meeting Minutes – 21 April 2011

Heritage Conference Room

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

Guests: None

1. Welcome

Meeting was called to order at 1:33 pm by Linda Parins, acting Academic Staff Committee Chairperson for the excused absence of Chairperson Brent Blahnik.

2. Minutes of March 10, 2011 Approval

Minutes of the March 10, 2011 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously. Samantha Surowiec will submit approved minutes to the SOFAS office.

3. ASC committee nominations

The list of nominations/candidates for ASC committees and appointees was reviewed. A motion to approve the list was made by David Kieper. Motion was seconded by Katrina Hrivnak. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Professional Development Allocations Committee question

A question was raised by this committee regarding whether they could approve a request for a subsequent fiscal year. The Committee decided that this was acceptable, with the caveat that the funding was subject to budgets being approved/provided for the subsequent fiscal year. If budgets would not be approved/provided, the person would have to find alternate funding for their professional development activity.

5. Faculty Senate Update

Linda Parins provided a summary of the activities at the April 13 Faculty Senate meeting. Minutes for this meeting are posted on the SOFAS website.

6. Wisconsin Idea Partnership

The Committee discussed whether they should generate a resolution in support of the Wisconsin Idea Partnership. After considerable discussion, this agenda item was tabled and will be discussed again at the next meeting.

7. Spring Assembly

The Committee discussed possible topics and times for a spring assembly for the academic staff. With no major updates on issues facing the academic staff, it was determined there was no need for a spring assembly at this time. If events unfold that would warrant an assembly, one will be scheduled. Possible locations discussed include having it at the Shorewood as a late afternoon event.

8. Old business

No old business was brought forward for discussion.

9. Discussion

Katrina Hrivnak provided a summary of the discussions for the UW-System Academic Staff Representative meeting. Most of the discussion was around the July, 2011 UW-System Academic Staff Conference that will be held at UW-Fox Valley. A flyer for the event should be available in May and will be distributed to all academic staff. Given the relatively close proximity to the campus, the Academic Staff Committee will encourage attendance from our staff. The Chair will also solicit funding from the Provost's Office for at least four academic staff members to attend the conference.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Next ASC Meeting: May 5, 2011, 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