

ACADEMIC STAFF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 19th, 2007, 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. CL 825

Present: Sherri Arendt, Sue Bodilly, Dave Dettman, Paula Ganyard, Paul Pinkston, Grant Winslow

Excused: Dan McIver

1. Call to Order → by chair at 12:30

2. Approve minutes of March 5, 2007 meeting → Approved

3. New Business

A. Approve election ballot from Nominating Committee → Sue requested that her name be removed from consideration for nomination to the Professional Development Allocations Committee, since there were plenty of other candidates. Approved as amended.

B. Academic Staff Leadership Conference → Will take place June 28th – June 29th in Superior, Wisconsin. Sherri will calculate the cost of sending 4 people and submit a request for funds to Provost Hammersmith. Committee members Sherri and Dave are interested in attending. Paula suggested we see who else might be interested in attending.

C. Collective Bargaining → Sherri communicated information concerning the status of the Governor's proposal to allow collective bargaining for academic staff. The committee agreed that it is in the best interest of academic staff to oppose the proposal because the language in the budget bill separates staff and faculty into two bargaining units. Sherri will continue to inform the group concerning this issue. Detailed information will be forwarded to the legislative committee so they can follow it as well. This will be a topic for discussion at the Spring Academic Staff Assembly.

4. Old Business

A. Administrator Evaluations → Grant and Sue reported that the development of an evaluation tool continues but a draft has not yet been released.

5. Information Exchange with the Provost → Due to other obligations the Provost was unable to attend.

6. Information Items

A. ASC Chair update → Paula stated she will set up a meeting with the Director of Human Resources Sheryl Van Gruensven to discuss revisions to the current continuing education policy and how we can more systematically give credit for years of service when an academic staff member changes positions.

Paula will also work on firming up a date and reserving a room for the upcoming Academic Staff Assembly.

B. System Academic Staff Rep report → Sherri informed the group that a topic of interest among Academic Staff Representatives has been the reporting of sick leave. The Academic Staff has until May 16th to submit comments. This topic will be on the next Academic Staff Assembly agenda.

Sherri reported that it is likely that domestic partner benefits will not be part of the Governor's final budget. There will be opportunities in the future to attend hearings on this matter. Sherri will give details concerning time and venues as she gets them.

C. Academic staff committee updates → No updates

D. General

1. Information of interest to academic staff is posted on the SOFAS website:
<http://www.uwgb.edu/sofas/>

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Respectfully Submitted by Dave Dettman