

University Committee
Minutes
February 10, 2021

Present: Sherry Arendt, Devin Bickner, Joan Groessl, Guillermo Gomez, Mark Klemp, Sue Machuca, Jon Shelton, Heidi Sherman, Aaron Weinschenk, Julie Wondergem.

Guests: Kate Burns, Holly Keener, Steve Meyer (SOFAS)

Meeting called to order by Chair, Julie Wondergem, via Microsoft Teams.

Minutes from the February 4, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Kate was unable to attend until later in the meeting so order of the Agenda was revised.

Lecturer Policy

Discussion of any outstanding issues related to the policy and the impact of approval. Concern was discussed as to the advisory nature, particularly in regard to adjuncts who continually teach large numbers of credits and failure to consider permanent status. Since faculty lines are granted by system, need to somehow impact this issue, or otherwise ensure additional lines without system support. Jon will be going to the ASC next week with plan for first read at Senate at the next meeting. While the policy will not fix the adjunct issue, the titles are in the UW Approved TTC and current renewable contract lecturer titles could be changed. The same process used by HR for other title adjustments would be used to determine new titles.

Liaison Reports

- University Staff Committee had not met since last meeting so no report (Sue).
- Academic Staff Committee will be meeting next week and will discuss the proposed lecturer policy (Sherry).
- Student Government Association has been active. (a) Working with administration on the childcare grant program implementation, (b) Student Bill of Rights to second reading, (c) no current Environmental Affairs chair, (d) Union will seek two sustainability interns to help with composter project, € SUFAC trying to get sustainability funded this year. (Guillermo)
- Faculty Representatives did not meet although there is some report of discord at UWW. There is no substance to rumors of systemwide program priorities. (Jon)

Provost Update

- Program review: Work group is currently assessing for themes with paired reviewers for each area. Developing plan for how to summarize and sharing with UC, Senate, and open forums. Report is due to system end of May.
- SGA Student Survey Follow-Up: After meeting with students to further discuss survey results, decision was made to start a Student Advisory Board. Invitations to twelve students will occur this week.

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- Cares Act 2.0 and Vaccines—no additional information from prior reporting.
- Faculty review of Administration was discussed (since was an agenda item).
- Lecturer Policy is supported with the question of policy's 14 CR per year vs, 7 CR per semester. It was agreed that 14 CR per year allows more flexibility. Request of the Provost that support be given for attention to the funding issues related to non-renewable lecturers. (Kate attended 3:30 and left the meeting at 4:12 PM; Holly Keener then left the meeting as well).

[Guillermo left the meeting at 4:11.]

Administrative Reviews

The benefit of administrative reviews was discussed. Survey instruments are available from May 2006 and 2008. Policy was initiated in April 2014 but then tabled due to the ending of the academic year. The following year, the Senate refused to take it off the table, so it died. Steve will forward the draft policy and copies of the evaluations to the UC for review and later committee action.

Academic Forgiveness

Joan had sent information on the policy to the committee prior to the meeting. After discussion, it was noted that the Academic Actions Committee has the authority to revise the policy since it is not a part of the Handbook. AAC will meet and review and will bring it to the Senate later to inform and seek and possible feedback. If any UC members have input, they were asked to forward to Joan.

Next Meeting

Clif Ganyard has asked to be placed on the agenda next week to discuss Student Success initiatives. Lecturer Policy and Administrator Evaluations will also be placed on the agenda.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:54 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Groessl

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