

MINUTES
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay University Committee

Present:

29 February 2012

3:00 pm, CL 750

Previous Meeting—22 February 2012

Dave Dolan
Tim Kaufman
Bryan Vescio
Michael Draney
Derek Jeffreys
Linda Parins, Academic Staff Representative

Guests: Julia Wallace, Provost; Clifford Abbott, SOFAS; Heba Mohammed, SGA Representative; Joe Schoenebeck, Classified Staff; Sheryl VanGruensven, HR Director

Minutes and General Discussion

The minutes of 22 February, 2012 were approved with minor corrections

Informational Items

- 1) CWC update: Dave Dolan reported that the CWC has been asked by HR to address two questions: 1) which pay components does UW-Madison offer to its staff, and 2) which components are most and least important.
- 2) Faculty Senate Planning and Budget Committee: Mike Draney updated UC members on this committee
- 3) UW-System HR Overhaul: Joe Schoenebeck was invited by the UC to discuss his experiences as a work group member of this UW System initiative. Discrepancies and concerns were discussed with the UC. Most of these centered on governance transparency and the issue of “open meetings” laws.
- 4) Senior Senators Project Update: Mike Draney initiated conversation on the issue of the lack of tenured faculty serving as representatives on faculty senate, with the goal of encouraging units to focus more on tenured representation. Draney shared several concerning statistics including over ½ of faculty senators being untenured.
- 5) May Multiples: It was suggested that UC members read the email sent by Kathy Pletcher in regards to this failed initiative.

Old Business

- 1) Joint Governance Committees Project: Linda Parins reported work done in the area of revisions to the membership of these committees. The UC supports these revisions. Mike Draney will gather feedback, and consider group opinions.
- 2) Senate Abstention Project: Professor Draney presented a resolution to address the concerning issue of abstention votes in faculty senate. The UC supported moving forward with Draney’s suggestion.

- 3) CWC Project: The UC reviewed a minor change to this committee in regards to members serving 1 year terms. Professor Dolan presented draft resolutions from this committee. The UC requested further clarification and revision.

New Business

- 1) Meet with Human Resources Director Sheryl Van Gruensven: Ms. VanGruensven reported on the UPS project teamwork groups. She indicated that an effort was made to avoid sharing initial suggestions due to the perception that they be final decisions. She further informed the UC that all system campuses would get the chance for input on March 29th during open forums. The UC expressed concerns about open meeting laws, and VanGruensven assured members that nothing would be approved or final until feedback was elicited by all campuses. Further, a conference call would be set up with Jason Beier on March 21st. Members were encouraged to check the UPS website.
- 2) Meet with Provost Julia Wallace: Provost Wallace sought advice on four proposed areas for the HLC Quality Improvement Process Plan. These areas included gen ed. issues, assessment, internships, and rubrics. She also asked the UC's opinion on the best approach to gain feedback from the campus.
- 3) Meet with SOFAS Cliff Abbott: The UC had a discussion with SOFAS Abbott regarding open meetings laws and his experience as a member of a Project Teamwork Group. A draft of the March Faculty Senate Agenda was generated.
- 4) Selection of Candidates: Committee on Rights and Responsibilities: The UC made candidate recommendations for this committee.
 - 1) Faculty Status Approvals: The UC recommended approving the following academic staff members be granted faculty status: Forsythe: ES&P Program and Schmitz: HUB Program.

The meeting adjourned at 4:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Kaufman
Secretary Pro Tempore