Academic Staff Senate Meeting
Monday, March 23, 2015 3:00 p.m., Mining Rm., MPSC

☐ Amy Griswold (Chair, Area I, 2015) ☐ Vacant (Area IV, 2016)
☒ Patricia Pothour (Vice Chair, At-large 2015) ☒ Russell Hill (At-large, 2016)
☒ Scott Gurman (Secretary, Area V, 2016) ☐ John Goomey (At-large, 2016)
☒ Ulz Dauber (Area III, 2016)
☐ Provost Mittie Nimocks Den Herder (ex officio) ☒ Lisa Merkes-Kress (recording secretary)
Quorum - 5 voting members

MINUTES

I. Call to Order
In absence of Chair Griswold, Vice Chair Pothour called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes of March 2, 2015
1. Approval of Minutes February 26
   Gurman moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Dauber. Minutes approved.
2. Approval of Minutes February 18
   Dauber moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Hill. Minutes approved.
3. Approval of Minutes March 2
   Ball moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Dauber. Minutes approved.

III. Approval of the Agenda
   Ball moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Dauber. Agenda approved.

IV. Announcements
   No announcements at this time.

V. Administrative Updates
1. Syllabi Contents (B.J. Reed)
   Currently campus does not have an approved template for the syllabus. Director of the Teaching and Learning Center (TLC) Reed presented on the recent findings of recent study of 627 syllabi, see attached document. Reed has recommended that the Academic Staff Senate create an ad-hoc committee to review the findings and make recommendations to the TLC and/or Improvement of Learning Committee (ILC). Discussion ensued about the chair sending this to Area 5 Academic Staff Senate, Vice Chair Pothour will contact Chair Griswold.
   Reed also reported that the ILC will be reviewing the differences between 1000 vs. 4000 level courses and creating definitions.

VI. State Representative’s Report (P. Pothour)
   Vice Chair Pothour reported in Chair Griswolds absence. Eau Claire has presented early retirement incentives, there were questions about public authority and sick leave, chapter 36, layoffs or tenure and tenure tracks, and differential tuition

VII. Board of Regents Report (P. Pothour)
   Vice Chair Pothour reported for Chair Griswold, passed a resolution regarding chapter 36.

All are welcome to attend the Senate meeting. Anyone wishing to add an item to the agenda please e-mail Amy Griswold foleya@uwplatt.edu prior to the next Academic Staff Senate meeting. Thank you.
VIII. Vice Chair’s Report (P. Pothour)

March 10 was the last meeting, discussed shared governance, tenure and tasks forces created to discuss the changes and issues, discussed not having control of tuition if we go public authority.

IX. Unfinished Business

1. Spring Open Forum – Rose S. is working on dates for legislatures to come to campus. Dates are April 13th or 17th

2. UWP Budget Deficit and UW System cut
Discussion ensued about what the next steps will be regarding the budget issues. The Chancellor made a comment about using the input already provided to determine the next cuts. During our budget discussions senates were only informed to work on the 5 million dollar cuts and feel we should have a voice in determining the additional 5 million.

X. Committee Reports

1. Elections and Appointments (U. Daeuber)
Motion: Ulz moved to approve Sharon pink for the Augmented Compensation Committee, seconded by Ball. Motion approved.

The Area 4 seat on the senate is still vacant. Election for this seat will take place during the spring election process since there is not much time left of the semester. Discussion ensued about updating the area list in the bylaws, Daeuber will draft changes and present at the next senate meeting.

2. Professional Development (P. Pothour)

There is $17,706 available and deadline is April 17, with a hold on travel, we need to verify if we will be able to approve for traveling to conferences.

3. Personnel Commission (J. Ball)

Next meeting is Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. Interim HR Director Lohmann has submitted a complaint from someone in his office under the discrimination and harassment policy to the Chancellor and has asked that it be reviewed by the Personnel Commission.

4. Academic Staff Excellence Award Committee Update (S. Gurman)

Next meeting is March 31.

XI. New Business

1. Grievance Policy for UPS vote/recommendation
No comments or discussion.

2. UW Platteville Academic Staff Senate Resolution – in progress waiting to see more resolutions
Due to time this will be discussed at the next meeting.

XII. Other Business

XIII. Adjournment

Vice Chair Pothour adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 06, 2015