Academic Staff Senate Meeting
Monday, March 4, 2013, 3:00 p.m., Mound Rm., MPSC

James Almquist (at-large, 2014)
Tricia Pothour for Jennifer Artz (Vice Chair)
Andrea Cool (Chair) (Area V, 2014)
Amy Griswold (at-large, 2013)
Ulz Daeuber (Area III, 2014)
Lisa Kress (Recording Secretary)

Chris Hein (at-large, 2014)
Tara Krueger (Secretary) (Area I, 2013)
Eric Farrell (Area IV, 2014)
Amy Kreul (Area II, 2013)
Provost Mittie Nimocks Den Herder (ex officio)

Guests:
Rob Cramer, Bill Haskins, Val Wetzel, Amy Seeboth

Absent:
Tricia Pothour for Jennifer Artz (Vice Chair)

MINUTES

I. Call to Order
Chair Cool called the meeting to order at 2:59 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes of February 18, 2013
Daeuber moved to approve minutes, seconded by Krueger. Minutes approved.

III. Approval of the Agenda
Farrell moved to approve agenda, seconded by Krueger. Agenda approved.

IV. Announcements (A.Cool)
1. General Faculty Meeting – March 14, 2013, 4:00 p.m. Nohr Gallery
This meeting is regarding Bylaw changes for Faculty and the decision will be made whether or not Academic Senate will become part of the Faculty Senate. Please consider attending.

V. Administrative Updates
1. DOA OpenBook Project (R. Cramer)
OpenBook is a website that gives easy access to State of Wisconsin expenditures, or the amount of money spent to do business. The website and phase one will be live for other agencies within the next few weeks. UW system will follow shortly after. HR will be working on setting up policies and data redaction. There are two phases to this website – Phase one will show individual TER’s; Phase two will add payroll data.

Being causciously optimistic; no projected base budget reductions for the UW System. Funding for specific initiatives were recommended and approved by the secretary of the Department of Administration. Board of Regents now has the sole authority to establish compensation plans for employees of the University of Wisconsin System. Early to mid May Joint Finance will be complete and by June budget should be passed by legislature.

There will be a committee looking at our overload policy. There are two break out groups one addressing Instructional and one addressing Non-Instructional.

VI. State Representative’s Report (A. Cool)
Discussed grievance procedures and questioning if they need to be updated. This has been forwarded to the Personnel Commission. Small discussion on the thirty credits of core credit that need to be transferred.
VII. Vice Chair’s Report (A. Cool)
Reviewed and discussed the Agenda for the General Faculty Meeting on March 14. Provost discussed late grades and final exams issues and Faculty Senate made passed this to the Academic Standards.

VIII. Committee Reports
1. Elections and Appointments (U. Daeuber)
   Nothing to report at this time
2. Professional Development (J. Almquist)
   Deadline will be April 17, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.
3. Personnel Commission (A. Kreul)
   Working on job security policies; have a few questions waiting to be answered and then we will be finalizing. Received ten job security requests we will be reviewing these in the next meeting. Discussion regarding Rolling Horizons and if it will still be available.
4. Academic Staff Excellence Award Committee Update (A. Kreul)
   Looking at the Bylaws and making a few changes.

IX. New Business
1. Distinguished Lecturer Cancel Class Request (V. Wetzel)
   Presentation will reference Valerie Plume Wilson and her book Fair Game. There will be a press conference, speech, Q&A, and a luncheon. Recommendation to have classes canceled from 10-12 April 17, 2014 so students and faculty may attend. **Motion:** Daeuber moved to approve recommendation to cancel classes for Distinguished Lecturer presentation for 2014, seconded by Kreul, motion approved.

   2. Professional Development Proposed Changes (J. Almquist)
   Last time this was updated was 2009; changes to the proposal wording would be “are due by the second Friday in December”. **Motion:** Daeuber moved to approve changes as proposed, seconded by Farrell. Motion approved.

   3. Sustainability Plan Representative (A. Seeboth)
   This is a new position for University of Platteville as of October 28, 2012. Creating a plan on how University of Platteville can be more environmentally, socially, and economically sustainable. Beginning the plan process this spring and finalizing in June. Three stakeholder groups will be reviewing people and the quality of life on campus, built infrastructure and physical places, and academics and learning opportunities. Would like a representative from the Academic Staff Senate to attend the meeting for the April 3 and the April 17 meeting for the people and the quality of life group. Chair Cool volunteered to attend.

   4. Deans, Provost, Chancellor Evaluations (A. Cool)
   Evaluations are now available. Classified chose not to participate this year and Academic Senate joined Faculty Senate. In the future Academic Senate may be able to create our own evaluations. These are anonymous and the deadline to complete is March 8, 2013.

X. Old Business
1. Late Grades and Finals Week Issues (A. Cool)
   Chair Cool recommends Academic Senate should be represented in those discussions. Chair Cool will discuss with Anderson about adding someone from the Academic side. Daeuber has interest in participating if that is an option.

XI. Adjournment
Chair Cool adjourned meeting at 3:39 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Krueger, Secretary                             Lisa Kress, recording secretary

Academic Staff Senate meets the first and third Mondays of the month at 3:00 p.m. in the Mound Room at the Markee Pioneer Student Center. The meetings are open to the public. Anyone wishing to add an item to the agenda please e-mail Andrea Cool at coola@uwplatt.edu prior to the next Academic Staff Senate meeting.