Academic Staff Senate Meeting
Monday, March 18, 2013, 3:00 p.m., Mound Rm., MPSC

Bethany Keuter for Chris Hein (at-large, 2014)
Tricia Pothour for Jennifer Artz (Vice Chair)
Andrea Cool (Chair) (Area V, 2014)
Paige Thomas for Amy Griswold (at-large, 2013)
Provost Mittie Nimocks Den Herder (ex officio)

Eric Pleiss for Tara Krueger (Secretary) (Area I, 2013)
Ulz Dauber (Area III, 2014)
Amy Kreul (Area II, 2013)
Lisa Kress (Recording Secretary)

Guests:
Rob Cramer, Christine Curras, Cory Motz

Absent:
Jennifer Artz, James Almquist, Eric Farrell, Amy Griswold, Tara Krueger

MINUTES

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

II. Approval of Minutes of March 18, 2013
Dauber moved to approve minutes, seconded by Kreul. Minutes approved.

III. Approval of the Agenda
Kreul moved to approve agenda “as corrected,” seconded by Dauber. Agenda approved.

IV. Announcements (A. Cool)
1. Results of General Faculty Meeting
After some discussion, the three voting seats for instructional academic staff on faculty senate were approved. The vote was 24 opposed and 55 approved.

V. Administrative Updates
1. Status of supplemental compensation plan (R. Cramer)
They are in the process of analyzing and will be making recommendations to the chancellor as soon as possible. The chancellor will make the final decision.

VI. State Representative’s Report (A. Cool)
1. Academic Staff Leadership Conference July 25-26, Changing Nature of Higher Education
Conference will address specifically how the changing nature of higher education relates to academic staff. Registration deadline May 31, 2013. Chair Cool will discuss with Provost if she will again sponsor three to four people to attend this year.

VII. Vice Chair’s Report (E. Farrell)
Farrell not in attendance will discuss at next meeting.

VIII. Committee Reports
1. Elections and Appointments (U. Dauber)
Nomination forms are available with a deadline of April 5, 2013. Chair Cool will distribute to staff. Nomination forms are available for seats on Faculty Senate. Will need to decide how to proceed regarding those seats.
Campus Planning Committee R.Zach will not be available after this year; we will need to fill this position as well.

2. Professional Development (J. Almquist)
   Almquist not in attendance. Chair Cool reported that the deadline for the requested proposal is April 5, 2013. There is $12,000.00 available, and proposals are being accepted.

3. Personnel Commission (E. Farrell)
   Farrell not in attendance. A. Kreul reported the job security requests are complete and being forwarded to the Provost. Deadline to have turned into the Chancellor is April 24, 2013.

4. Academic Staff Excellence Award Committee Update (A. Kreul)
   Nothing to report at this time.

IX. New Business

1. Strategic Planning On-going Process Recommendations (C. Curras)
   The Steering Committee made some recommendations for an on-going process to supervise, prioritize, monitor, and review strategic planning initiatives. This will be a five-year plan to implement the four priorities. Funding would be available for new projects within the areas. Various action teams would be formed and an overall team would review and make the decisions. Discussion ensued with questions about how the action teams work (they only work on specific actions and may come and go as projects come and go), how the Academic Staff Senate fit into this, and how will committee membership be determined. Academic Staff Senate would like reports from these committees and representation. Looking for volunteers for these committees by the end of April. Collecting everyone’s thoughts and ideas; please email C.Curras. Would like to role out two tiers of this plan by fall 2013.

2. Excellence Awards Proposed Bylaw Changes (A. Cool)
   Changes in wording need to be there because of the confusion the current wording caused. Removing the last 3 paragraphs because they represent standard operating procedure rather than bylaws. Motion: Daeuber moved to approve the bylaw changes as proposed with the wording correction of “greater than or equal to 50% for split appointments”; seconded by Kreul. Motion approved.

X. Old Business

1. Late Grades and Finals Week Issues (A. Cool)
   Chair Cool reported there are no academic staff on the academic standards committee. Motion: Kreul moved to form an ad hoc committee with one instructional academic staff representative from each college to discuss the late grades and final week issues, seconded by Daeuber. Motion approved. Chair Cool will do what is needed to start the committee.

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