

Academic Staff Senate

Monday, February 15, 2016

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kim Sargent (Area I, 2017) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Kreul (Area II, 2017) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ulz Daeuber (Area III, 2016) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patricia Pothour (Area IV, 2017) Chair |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paula Kueter (Area V, 2016) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kalyn Williams (At-Large, Area I, 2017) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Russell Hill (At-Large Area II, 2016) Vice Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Artz (At-Large, Area III, 2017) Secretary |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Goomey (At-Large, Area V, 2016) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mittie Nimocks Den Herder (Provost) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lisa Merkes-Kress (Recording Secretary) | |
- Guests:** Rob Cramer, Nettie Daniels

Chair Pothour called the meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.

It was moved by Artz, seconded by Goomey, and carried to approve the minutes of February 1, 2016

It was moved by Daeuber, seconded by Hill, and carried to approve the agenda for agenda February 15, 2016 with moving Election Results to the first agenda item.

Announcements

A. Election Results

Kim Sargent was elected as senator to fill the vacant Area 1 seat.

Paula Kueter was nominated by Daeuber to serve the remaining term for the vacant Area V seat. It was moved by, seconded by, and carried to approve the nomination.

B. Secretary Position

Artz volunteered to serve in the Secretary position for Academic Staff Senate

C. Audio Recordings

Academic Staff Senate meetings will no longer be audio recorded due to increased costs. Chair Pothour spoke with Dominic regarding any legal issues around this – Pothour was told that written minutes of meetings will suffice.

D. WPRI Survey

Chair Pothour will draft a brief email to Academic Staff notifying that this survey has been circulating in emails across campus.

Administrative Updates

A. Tuition Setting Policy Task Force (R. Cramer)

- Task force is looking at breaking down tuition into undergraduate vs. graduate, in-state vs. out of state, and tuition based on major.
- Regent Higgins is serving as the chair of the task force and visited the UW-Platteville campus at the beginning of February to address questions, comments, and/or concerns
- There has been difficulty pinpointing specifically where students are accumulating debt because of the several different loan types that are available to use.
- There has been discussion around the role of the UW-System meeting the work force needs of WI. A question has been should tuition policy provide incentives for majors that are in higher demand.
- In the current 2 year budget cycle, the State has suspended support for academic building updates. Cramer stated that if this trend continues, could the costs be absorbed by tuition.
- Cramer indicated that UWSP differential tuition was approved by the students for next year, despite the ongoing tuition freeze.
- Cramer indicated the next task force meeting will be focused on all of the costs of providing an education to students (i.e. tuition, room and board, meals, etc.)

B. Faculty and Staff 2014-2015 Salary Adjustment Report (R. Cramer)

- Board of Regents receives the report in December
- Salaries do not reflect increases in health insurance and/or retirement costs
- Cramer indicated that his recommendation to the Chancellor is going to be to not approve promotions until after next academic year. Individuals will need to reapply at that time.
- Please see attached document for key points and additional info
- Goomey asked question regarding numbers around tax revenue generated by graduates from the UW campuses. Cramer indicated he did not have the numbers and would something he would need to look

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Reports

A. State Representative's Report (P.Pothour)

- Chair Pothour indicated there are 6 expert groups within the State Representatives and she was recently asked to serve on the Institutional expert group.

B. Faculty Senate Report (K. Williams)

- Continued discussion on general education requirements
- Approved permanent removal of writing emphasis.
- Continued discussion of Social Science credit reduction from 9 to 3 credits.
- Chancellor was in attendance to address any questions. There was discussion around students' time to degree completion. Chancellor indicated UW-Platteville students have a low percentage graduating in 4 years and he would like to see that increased.
- There was also discussion around the self-insurance legislation being discussed at the State level.

C. Committee Reports

1. Elections and Appointments (U. Daeuber)

- No updates.

2. Professional Development (K. Williams)

- At last meeting committee discussed changes to application process to be more in line with the Provost's Office and how much weight should be given toward departmental support.
- Williams indicated a draft of changes will be presented at next ACSS meeting.

3. Personnel Commission (R. Hill)

- No updates.

4. Academic Staff Excellence Award Committee Update (J. Artz)

- No updates.

Unfinished Business

A. Faculty Senate Representative

- Kueter volunteered to serve as representative for the remainder of the semester.

B. Conceal Carry

- Chair Pothour indicated she spoke to Rose Smyrski and Smyrski's recommendation was to table the statement until the issue is back on the table at the State level.

Chair Pothour adjourned the meeting at 3:54 p.m., the next meeting is Monday, March 07, 2016