Minutes
Academic Staff Executive Committee
1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 30, 2010
67 Bascom Hall

Members Present: Eric Bauman, Heather Daniels (Chair), Charlene Krembs, Carla Love, Mary Ray (Vice-Chair), Ben Rodriguez, Jim Steele, Valli Warren

Absent: Daña Alder

Others Present: Paul DeLuca, Aaron Brower, Aaron Teche

Call to Order/Agenda Review
The meeting was called to order by Chair, Heather Daniels at 1:30 p.m.

Automatic Consent Business
ASEC minutes of Thursday, September 23, 2010 were approved.

Provost Update: Paul DeLuca
- Met with retired faculty and staff (retirement association) and would like to encourage Deans and Directors to use this group as a resource.
- Reported on plans to change SOAR program:
  - The program would run throughout the summer
  - Expansion of regional testing program and use of a private testing company
  - Cost for testing contract approximate 25,000-35,000 set-up fee to the UW System

Guest: Aaron Brower, Vice Provost for Academic Teaching and Learning
Updated ASEC on the Madison Initiative for Undergraduates (MIU)
- MIU Goals include:
  - Preserve the affordability of UW-Madison education, primarily through expansion of need-based aid
  - Generate faculty and instructional support
  - Expand best practices and innovation in teaching and learning
Encouraged departments to apply for Round 3MIU: http://madisoninitiative.wisc.edu/
This speaks to early impacts on student educational experience:
- Online e-tutorial for international students
- Advisor Notes
- The expansion of FIGs
- New Residential Learning Community (Green House)

ASEC request: Following the model of the “Tenure Conversation for a New Century” (August 2010), consider a campus-level review of practices concerning the mentoring, evaluation, and promotion of instructional academic staff.
- Aaron to discuss this matter with Steve Stern.

Business
Motion to convene in closed Session pursuant to Wisc. Stats. 19.85 (1) (c)
- Committee Assignments

Consulting Firm RFP Efficiency Study
- Heather to meet with Bob Lavigna, Director of HR. to discuss morale issues.
Badger Partnership  
Discussed Inside Higher Education article *False Ideal?*  

**Staffing Benefits Fair**  
ASEC members will check their availability for staffing the table Tuesday, October 12, 2010.

**Tracking AS Issues on AS Website**  
Next meeting review communications grid and discuss a quick and simple way to post progress on academic staff website.

**Finalized October 11, 2010 Academic Staff Assembly Meeting Agenda**  
Next week plan for group discussions.

**Next ASEC Meeting October 7, 2010 – for decision**  
Guest: Martin Caldwallader, Vice Chancellor for Research  
- Closed Session: Committee Appointments  
- Chancellor’s Diversity Statement  
- Academic Staff Branding Statement  
- Tracking Academic Staff Issues  
- Plan for Assembly Meeting  
- Field Trip: Social Sciences Building

**Reports**  
**UAPC – Mary Ray**  
Highlights for the UAPC meeting on September 9, 2010 include:  
- The committee approved the discontinuation of the undergraduate major in Recreation Resources Management, CALS  
- Discussed a draft of the revised Guidelines for Centers and Institutes  
- Upcoming issues for the year:  
  - Implementation BS and BA/BA environmental sciences  
  - Approval of evening and executive MBA programs  
  - Joint reviews of existing programs of “MA in Gender and Women's studies, MS Occupational Therapy, Master of Public Health, and Doctor of Audiology

**General Report**  
Secretary of the Academic Staff – Donna Silver  
Met with Eden Inoway-Ronnie and discussed:  
- Moving forward with online grant and award submissions  
- LTE search for mid-October  
- Transferring ESS program to APO

*Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 p.m.*  
*Minutes submitted by Donna Silver, Secretary of the Academic Staff*