Academic Staff Assembly
Academic Staff Assembly Approved Minutes
February 16, 2005

2004-2005 Assembly

Present: Deborah Bowen, George Clokey, Michael Cohen (Vice), Nancy Farmer, Kathy Gibbs, Therese Kennedy (Chair), Paula Mohan, Richard Schraufnagel, Sandi Scott-Duex, Kristine Yesbeck, Michael Wallace

Absent: Amy Coon *, Michael Flanagan *

* Informed Chair of absence

1. Minutes from February 2, 2005 were approved unanimously on a Schraufnagel/Clokey motion.

2. WSG Update – No Report.

3. Chancellor’s Search and Screen – Committee has been meeting with several groups including Student Affairs, Deans, and City Council. Progress will be noted on the website, which should be up and running this week.

4. Instructional Academic Staff Workload Survey – Email was sent last week and have gotten some surveys back. Feedback will be shared at a later meeting.

5. Ward Churchill and Planning Committee-Chancellor made decision to continue with invitation extended to Mr. Churchill to speak on March 1 at the Hamilton Center. Tickets will be offered to students, then Faculty and Staff. There was discussion as to cost of extra security. Not sure at this time of the cost.

6. Academic Staff Committee and Liaisons
   a. Academic Staff Awards Committee/Kennedy-Nominations are in. Will meet Monday, February 21.
   b. Academic Staff Economics Issues Committee/Kennedy-Discussed Pay Plan. It is the same as what is in place, but needs to be “reworded” for the future.
   c. Academic Staff Elections/Balloting Committee/Gibbs- Election nomination forms were mailed today. Will do a mass email tomorrow and will include the on-line site.
   d. Academic Staff Government Relations Committee/Cohen-Meeting is scheduled for 2/25/05.
   e. Academic Staff Organization Committee/Cohen-No Report
   f. Academic Staff Professional Development Committee/Yesbeck-Meeting on Friday, February 18, 2005.
   g. Academic Staff Promotions Committee/Mohan- No Report
   h. Academic Staff Review Committee/Cohen-No Report
   i. Academic Staff Rewards and Recognition Committee/Flanagan-Nomination/Applications are due February 28, 2005.
   j. Academic Staff Titling Committee/-Kennedy-No Report

7. Other Agenda Items:
   a. Power Outage - Duex addressed the Power Outage on Thursday, February 10 and the canceling of all classes. Students had concerns that they were being penalized for not going to class and not being able to make up exams. The students that did take exams, were given extra credit.Kennedy will send a letter to the Chancellor and Provost stating
that there should not be repercussions for those students that did not attend class and the students that did attend, should not be rewarded. Included in the letter, will be noted the lack of communication to the faculty and staff regarding the cancellation of all classes and what can be done in the future if this should occur.

b. Goals – Duex addressed the titling process for Academic Staff. She has had conversations with other campuses on their titling process and is gathering information to compare. There is an interest to propose new by-laws. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

c. UW System – David Olien and Linda Weimer are retiring from UW System as the representatives for Academic Staff. Kennedy will be in Madison tomorrow.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.