Academic Staff Assembly
Academic Staff Assembly Approved Minutes
March 15, 2006

2005-2006 Assembly

Present: Deb Bowen, George Clokey, Mike Cohen (Chair), Denise Ehlen, Nancy Farmer, Michael Flanagan, Richard Schraufnagel, Sandi Scott-Duex (Vice), Kristine Yesbeck

Absent: Gail Fox*, Amy Margulies*, Paula Mohan*, Debbie Thompson *

* Notified Chair of Absence

1. Minutes from March 1, 2006 were approved unanimously after corrections on a Flanagan/Schraufnagel motion.
2. SB452 Collective Bargaining Survey – Results were distributed and the Assembly agreed that this could be shared with other campuses.
3. Faculty/Academic Disciplinary Process – A parallel policy will be designed for Academic Staff, however the language will be about the same. Clokey will review the complete copy of the Disciplinary Process. Duex, Clokey, Mohan, and Fox will meet to discuss. We are not required to respond to it.
4. Strategic Plan on web and sent electronically – It was noted that anytime it states “faculty”, it should be changed to “staff”. Will discuss more at next meeting.
5. Academic Staff Committee and Liaisons
   a. Academic Staff Awards Committee/Yesbeck – No Report.
   b. Academic Staff Economic Issues Committee/Cohen – No Report
   c. Academic Staff Elections & Balloting/Bowen- There are 4 Instructional and 5 Non Instructional Candidates. The ballots and bios will be mailed next week.
   d. Academic Staff Government/Cohen – No Report
   e. Academic Staff Organization/Duex- No Report
   f. Academic Staff Professional Development/Ehlen – There was a total of 9 proposals; 8 were recommended for funding for a total of $11,600.
   g. Academic Staff Instructional Promotions/Farmer- Fassl recommended that the policy be reviewed before next year and changes need to be made. The Provost is supportive of changes to the policy.
   h. Academic Staff Review/Cohen – No Report
   i. Academic Staff Title Appeals/Duex – No Report
   j. Academic Staff Titling Committee/Cohen – No Report
   k. Academic Staff Rewards and Recognition Committee/Flanagan – The recipients were announced. A letter will be mailed next week to the winners, nominators, and dept heads.
6. Announcements:
   a. HLC-it seemed the reviewers were not familiar with Academic Staff and Shared Governance in the UW System. Some concerns were budget and diversity. The preliminary findings will be on the website. The survey results from the Campus Climate Survey 2005 are also on the HLC website
   b. Regent Award for Excellence – Ruth Swisher was not notified that she was eligible to apply for this award. She did not have the time to get the material ready for this year, but will send it in for next year.
   c. The Academic Staff Leadership Conference will be held at UW-Eau Claire this summer. The dates are July 13 & 14.
7. Future Agenda Items:
   a. Duex - Under goals was to research unclassified staff hiring with other campuses. Will report findings at next meeting.
   b. For the May 3, 2006 meeting, a letter to the Chancellor will be drafted stating the need for multi year contracts.
   c. A survey to all academic staff will be sent requesting feedback on multi year contracts.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm