Academic Staff Assembly
Academic Staff Assembly Approved Minutes
March 21, 2007

2006-2007 Assembly

Present: Mike Cohen (Chair), Amy Margulies, Sandi Scott-Duex (Vice), Deb Bowen, Denise Ehlen, Eric Roche, Nancy Farmer, Gail Fox, Michael Flanagan, Patti Mirsky (Program Associate, Secretary).

Excused/Absent: Paula Mohan, George Clokey, Wayne Youngquist

Guests: Riley Mabeus, UW Whitewater Student Government,

1. Approval of Minutes: The meeting was brought to order by Chair Michael Cohen at 12:07 p.m. Minutes of the March 7, 2007 meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously on an Ehlen/Duex motion.

2. Budget Bill Enabling Collective Bargaining:

   Shared governance issues were discussed and how collective bargaining could affect the same.

   Agenda Item #3 Background Check Policy was added to the agenda at this point with unanimous approval via Fox/Flanagan motion.

3. Background Check Policy:

   Handouts provided on the latest drafts of the background check policy as approved by the UW-Whitewater Faculty Senate last week. Our assembly will need to take action on this item at the April 4, 2007 meeting.

4. Academic Staff Committees and Liaisons

   a. Academic Staff Awards Committee/Duex – Committee recommendations for nominees were announced, one from non-instructional and one from instructional. On a Duex/Ehlen motion, the recommendations were approved unanimously and will be forwarded to the Board of Regents.

      The Academic Staff Assembly thanks Sandi Scott-Duex and the Academic Staff Awards Committee for their work.

   b. Academic Staff Economic Issues Committee/Cohen – no report.

   c. Academic Staff Elections & Balloting/Bowen—Meeting Friday. Ballot changes will be sent to Patti, we need to send committee assignment memo out, also. Web will include a link on the web but not downloadable ballot. Instructions will direct that ballots be sent back through intercampus mail.

      The Academic Staff Assembly thanks Deborah Bowen and the Academic Staff Elections & Balloting Committee for their work.

   d. Academic Staff Government/Youngquist – No report.

   e. Academic Staff Organization/Duex – No report.

   f. Academic Staff Professional Development/Ehlen – Six recommendations presented.

      Move to ratify the recommendations and actions of the Academic Staff Professional Development Committee was unanimously approved on a Margulies/Fox motion.

      The Academic Staff Assembly thanks Denise Ehlen and the Academic Staff Professional Development Committee for their work.
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g. **Academic Staff Instructional Promotions**/Farmer—Letters went out from committee and the Chancellor sent letters approving promotions.

*The Academic Staff Assembly thanks Nancy Farmer and the Academic Staff Instructional Promotions Committee for their work.*

h. **Academic Staff Review**/Cohen—No request.

i. **Academic Staff Title Appeals**/Margulies—No requests.

j. **Academic Staff Titling Committee**/Youngquist—No report.

k. **Academic Staff Rewards and Recognition Committee**/Flanagan—Committee met today and has recommendations for $2600 to be awarded. There are 16 nominees, one is no eligible due to being a classified position, one is questionable as to whether eligible. Unanimous approval was given on a Flanagan/Fox motion to approve the named awardees and the amounts awarded. Next awards deadline is April 27, 2007.

*The Academic Staff Assembly thanks Michael Flanagan and the Academic Staff Rewards and Recognition Committee for their hard work.*

6. **Announcements:**

   a. Tony Sabo fundraiser was very successful. April 17 is the wheelchair basketball fundraiser.

   b. April 4 Duex and Margulies will not be present.

Meeting adjourned on a Bowen/Fox motion at 1:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Patti Mirsky, Program Associate/Secretary.