Academic Staff Assembly
Academic Staff Assembly Approved Minutes
April 4, 2007

2006-2007 Assembly

Present: Mike Cohen (Chair), Paula Mohan, George Clokey, Wayne Youngquist, Deb Bowen, Denise Ehlen, Eric Roche, Nancy Farmer, Gail Fox, Michael Flanagan, Patti Mirsky (Program Associate, Secretary).

Excused/Absent: Amy Margulies, Sandi Scott-Duex (Vice)

Guests: Riley Mabeus, UW Whitewater Student Government,

1. Approval of Minutes: The meeting was brought to order by Chair Michael Cohen at 12:10 p.m. Minutes of the March 21, 2007 meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously on an Ehlen/Youngquist motion.

2. UW Whitewater Background Check Policy:

   Discussion regarding the current draft of the UW Whitewater Background Check Policy, as approved on 3/13/07 by the UW-Whitewater Faculty Senate, was discussed. Clokey moved to vote for approval of the policy as it now reads, Bowen made the 2nd, the assembly voted. Motion failed by unanimous vote of “nays”.

   Motion brought by Clokey to ask for clarification of the contradictory language of the document “Job Application Supplement – Faculty/Academic Staff Conviction and/or Pending Criminal Charges” Motion 2nd by Flanagan. Vote on motion passed unanimously on the “Ayes”. Cohen will communicate our concerns to the Provost. Specifically, the language we have concern for is:

   Applicants who fail to complete the form or who knowingly provide false or incomplete information may not be considered further for employment. Also on page 2, please change the paragraph after Gender to read: Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor Note: Failure to knowingly disclose a conviction for any crime (meaning a felony or misdemeanor) may be considered an intentional omission. It is thought that these changes would be more consistent with the statement on page 3 that the applicant must attest to.

3. Budget Bill Enabling Collective Bargaining:

   This issue will be on the System Reps Agenda on Friday, April 5, 2007, and Cohen will bring a report next meeting.

4. Academic Staff Committees and Liaisons

   a. Academic Staff Awards Committee/Duex — no report
   b. Academic Staff Economic Issues Committee/Cohen — no report.
   c. Academic Staff Elections & Balloting/Bowen— Ballots sent out, email going out today to all academic staff to remind them to vote, Bowen thanked Patti Mirsky for her help and for designing a label to designate the ballots as “Official”.
   d. Academic Staff Government/Youngquist — No report.
   e. Academic Staff Organization/Duex — No report.
   f. Academic Staff Professional Development/Ehlen — One application to be reviewed.
   g. Academic Staff Instructional Promotions/Farmer— Received copies of letters from Chancellor approving promotions.
   h. Academic Staff Review/Cohen — No request.
   i. Academic Staff Title Appeals/Margulies — No requests.
j. **Academic Staff Titling Committee**/Youngquist – meeting has been postponed 3 times.

k. **Academic Staff Rewards and Recognition Committee**/Flanagan – Letters going out to winners of the March awards, and the new nomination forms are going out for the May awards.

6. **Announcements:**

   a. Cohen provided handout – response received from Registrar.
   b. Teleconference.
   c. Annual University Reception May 17, 2007
   d. Roche will not be present at April 18 meeting.

Meeting adjourned 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Patti Mirsky, Program Associate/Secretary