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

Guest: Chancellor Martha Saunders

1. Approval of Minutes: The meeting was brought to order by Chair Michael Cohen at 12:04 p.m. Minor corrections were made to unapproved minutes of September 20, 2006, and then approved unanimously on a Youngquist/Roche motion.

2. Growth Agenda for UW-Whitewater: Chancellor Martha Saunders was welcomed and introductions made. She shared information on her meetings with the UW Board of Reagents concerning the Growth Agenda and how it will affect UW-Whitewater. Of interest was the proposed increase to the student body over time through 2012. Questions regarding retention of students, GPA’s, the grading system and what the implications of these would be in regards to the proposed increase in the student body were answered.

3. Change of order: A change of order of business occurred, and number 5 on the Agenda was taken up, due to the time constraints on members who had other commitments.

Naming the competition basketball court for Dave Vander Meulen was brought up for discussion, and was passed unanimously on an Ehlen/Duex motion.

4. Committee appointments: Duex provided handouts with the updated committee appointments and reappointments. The following updates and changes were made:

a. Academic Staff Awards Committee: Assembly Liaison, Sandi Scott-Duex.
b. Academic Staff Economic Issues Committee: Assembly Liaison, Mike Cohen will stay on
c. Academic Staff Government Relations Committee: Ann Knabe (currently in Asia) will stay on in an instructional position, and the new Assembly Liaison is Wayne Youngquist.
d. Academic Staff Organization Committee: Assembly Liaison, Sandi Scott-Duex will stay on
e. Academic Staff Professional Development Committee: Assembly Liaison, Denise Ehlen will stay on
f. Academic Staff Promotion Committee: Jeanine Fassl will stay on through the current term, but apparently of issue is that she has been in the position over the allowed time, and Nancy Farmer will stay on as Assembly Liaison.
g. Academic Staff Review Committee: Assembly Liaison, Mike Cohen will stay on, and an instructional position held by Richard Schraufnagel is vacant, term through 2007
h. Academic Staff Reward & Recognition Committee: Assembly Liaison, Mike Flanagan will stay on
i. Academic Staff Titling Committee: Assembly Liaison, Mike Cohen will stay on
j. Academic Staff Titling Appeals Committee: Assembly Liaison, Amy Margulies

Campus Safety Committee needs to replace John Peterson, the position looks at safety issues on campus, takes safety walks with fire department, etc. Margulies agreed to serve on this committee.

University Center Board has two openings. Bob Barry has given notice to replace Martha Stephenson. Richard Schraufnagel’s position has a one-year term remaining. Duex will look for two academic staff members to possibly serve.
On a Fox/Ehlen motion, it was unanimously approved that Duex would look for people to fill vacancies.

On a Youngquist/Fox motion, it was unanimously approved that Dave Halbach and Jodi Hare will serve on the Recreational Sports Advancement Board.

5. Academic Staff Committee and Liaisons

5.1. Academic Staff Awards Committee
5.2. Academic Staff Economic Issues Committee/Cohen
5.3. Academic Staff Elections & Balloting/Bowen
5.4. Academic Staff Government/Cohen
5.5. Academic Staff Organization/Duex
5.6. Academic Staff Professional Development
5.7. Academic Staff Instructional Promotions -- Farmer- Nothing has been done yet.
5.8. Academic Staff Review/Cohen
5.9. Academic Staff Title Appeals/Duex
5.10. Academic Staff Titling Committee
5.11. Academic Staff Rewards and Recognition Committee – Non-Instructional Academic Staff and Recognition Program: Mirsky reported for Flanagan – Global email announcement went out, website was updated, and ballots sent via inter-campus mail to all campus faculty and staff. Deadline for nominations is October 13, 2006.

6. Announcements:

6.1. Duex announced that the Sexual Assault Advisory Committee still needs Academic Staff members.
6.2. Background checks: Will be required in the future for new hires. Cohen will include time for discussion as future agenda item.
6.3. On a Youngquist/Farmer motion, it was unanimously approved that the Assembly go into a Committee of the Whole without Quorum.

7. Future Agenda Items

7.1. Discuss terms of contracts.

Motion to close meeting was unanimous on a Duex/Margulies motion.
Meeting was adjourned at 1:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Patti Mirsky, Program Associate (Secretary)