Academic Staff Assembly
Academic Staff Assembly Approved Minutes
November 29, 2006

2006-2007 Assembly

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

1. Approval of Minutes: The meeting was brought to order by Chair Michael Cohen at 12:07 p.m. Minutes of the November 15, 2006 meeting were approved unanimously on an Ehlen/Duex motion.

2. UW System Criminal Background Check Policy: Will be going to the Board of Regents for approval next week. Expected to be implemented for January 1, 2007, but campuses may have until May 1, 2007 to comply. Cohen forwarded our comments to the Provost. Feedback indicated he was in agreement with our concerns. Jeannie Freeman met with the Provost earlier this week and will pass on information to the ASA when there is any new information. We will also look for the minutes from the Faculty Senate to see what their stand is concerning the criminal background checks.

3. Instructional Promotions Procedures: Farmer will meet with committee next week to set dates; will report back next ASA meeting.
   Discussion on non-instructional promotions and procedures vs. instructional promotional procedures ensued. Specifically, how is the process initiated? We may take a look at this in the future.
   Duex will pull together the non-instructional procedure for the January meeting. Our procedure is different from other system schools. The titling committee took a look at non-instructional in past.

4. Statement on Marriage Amendment: Mohan pointed out we’re the only Big10 university system that does not provide domestic partner benefits.
   Motion to approve looking at making a statement was approved on a Mohan/Youngquist motion. Discussion ensued on the topic. Mohan will rewrite statement and bring to next meeting.

5. Regents Award for Excellence – our process: Moved to next meeting.

6. 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 - Will meet in 2nd semester.
   d. Academic Staff Government/Youngquist – they met and discussed multi-year contracts, and are surveying other campuses. Next meeting in January. A future multi-campus meeting with ASA was brought up.
e. Academic Staff Organization/Duex – No report.
f. Academic Staff Professional Development/Ehlen – deadline is this Friday (December 1).
g. Academic Staff Instructional Promotions/Farmer- on today’s agenda, see above.
h. Academic Staff Review/Cohen – No Report
i. Academic Staff Title Appeals/Margulies – No report
j. Academic Staff Titling Committee/Youngquist – Committee met, promoted one person with new title.
k. Academic Staff Rewards and Recognition Committee/Flanagan – Will meet before the next ASA meeting on December 13th to decide on nominations received by December 8 deadline. Mike Flanagan thanked Patti Mirsky for her excellent work for disbursement of information campus-wide regarding this program, and handling the incoming nominations procedure.

7. Announcements:

a. AS Reps Council met on November 16. Cohen provided brief review of LAB report committee. Chancellor Saunders is on that committee and we can give her our feedback. Also, sick leave conversion was discussed.

7. Future Agenda Items

a. Instructional Promotions Procedure: Final timetable comes back to ASA for approval of timeline.

Adjourn on a Fox/Roche motion. Meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm Respectfully submitted by Patti Mirsky, Program Associate/Secretary