2006-2007 Assembly

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

Absent/Excused: George Clokey, Eric Roche

1. Approval of Minutes: The meeting was brought to order by Chair Michael Cohen at 12:08 p.m. Minutes of the November 29, 2006 meeting were reviewed, a minor change was discussed. Approval of the November 29, 2006 minutes with amended verbiage was unanimously passed on a Margulies/Duex motion.

2. UW System Criminal Background Check Policy: Cohen has checked with Jeanne Freeman and reported there is no new information from the Provost’s office. The Faculty Senate passed FS0607-08 on November 14, 2006, which states: University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Faculty Senate recommends that when the Board of Regents adopts a comprehensive policy requiring that all University of Wisconsin institutions conduct criminal background checks on new hires, the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater shall use its governance process to adopt criminal background check implementations policies and procedures, and that the institution will submit its plan to the University of Wisconsin System General Counsel and University of Wisconsin System Office of Human Resources for review and approval, approved by the Chancellor 12/05/06. Next semester we will revisit this issue and also check with the Provost and Jeanne Freeman to see if there is any new information.

3. Instructional Promotions Procedures: Farmer reported that the Academic Staff Instructional Promotions Committee met and approved a new timeline. The dates were discussed, changes made, and then approved unanimously on a Farmer/Fox motion. Mirsky will update web pages with new dates and send out announcement to Instructional Staff. The Promotions Committee will meet again on February 12, 2007 to complete scoring, and bring the results to the Academic Staff Assembly on February 21, 2007 for approval. After approval, the results will be forwarded to the Provost on the same day.

4. Addition to Agenda: Motion to insert addition to agenda at this point was approved unanimously by a Youngquist/Fox motion. Cohen reported that Jon Enslin of the Memorial Committee asks that a motion be approved to seek potential naming opportunities for the Multi-Sport Complex. Discussion ensued, whereby the committee named incidents where we had approved similar other naming opportunities. Approval of the resolution by the Memorial Committee was approved unanimously on an Ehlen/Flanagan motion.

5. Statement on Marriage Amendment: Postponed until next meeting.

6. Regents Award for Excellence – our process: Duex led discussion of our previous process for nominating a person and who is eligible this year. It is a lengthy process which takes a considerable amount of time, and discussion ensued about the committee members helping the nominee with things like templates, putting together a Power Point presentation, helping with photo graphics, and covering the costs of putting together the package.

7. Academic Staff Committees and Liaisons
   b. Academic Staff Economic Issues Committee/Cohen – Has not met.
   c. Academic Staff Elections & Balloting/Bowen - No report.
   d. Academic Staff Government/Youngquist – Next meeting will occur next semester.
   e. Academic Staff Organization/Duex – No report.
   f. Academic Staff Professional Development/Ehlen – Proposals can be submitted anytime.
   g. Academic Staff Instructional Promotions/Farmer- on today’s agenda, see above.
   h. Academic Staff Review/Cohen – No Requests have come in.
   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 – Committee met and has submitted award totaling $1150. Committed approved and passed the awards unanimously on an Ehlen/Farmer motion. Next committee meetings dates are March 21, 2007 and May 2, 2007. The next deadline to
submit nominations will be March 16, 2007.

8. **Announcements:**
   a. Handout provided: http://www.wisconsin.edu/news/2006/r061207.htm, discusses pay increase by the Board of Regents, Domestic partner benefits, background checks and costs of same.

Meeting adjourned on a Fox/Roche motion at 1:10 pm

Respectfully submitted by Patti Mirsky, Program Associate/Secretary