2007-2008 Assembly

Mike Cohen (Chair), George Clokey, Amy Margulies, Wayne Youngquist, Deb Bowen, Denise Ehlen, Michael Flanagan, Nancy Farmer, Paula Mohan, Eric Roche, Sarah Thayer (Program Associate, Secretary).

Excused/Absent: Sandi Scott-Duex (Vice), Gail Fox, Giuliana Miolo

1. Approval of Minutes:

The meeting was brought to order by Chair Michael Cohen at 12:07 p.m. Minutes of the September 5, 2007 meetings were reviewed. Approval of minutes was postponed until October 3, 2007 meeting, pending changes.

2. UW Whitewater Background Check Policy

Cohen reports that he spoke with Chancellor Telfer and discussed the proposed changes to the Background Check Policy. It was brought to Cohen’s attention that the policy is only to be used for the finalist in the applicant pool.

Discussion ensued over whether the changes that were made at the September 5, 2007 meeting should be reversed due to the misunderstanding of the use of the background check policy. It was decided to let the motion of the September 5, 2007 meeting stand.

Further discussion of the Background Check Policy ensued. It was decided that “any prospective employee” would imply all applicants will be subject to background checks, not just the finalist. Flanagan made motion to change “any prospective employee” to “candidate offered position” in paragraph one under the policy section of the draft copy. The 2nd was made by Clokey. Vote on motion passed unanimously.

3. LGBT Task Force

Cohen reports that the LGBT Task Force is requesting that an Academic Staff Assembly member join the committee. Roche volunteered, pending a discussion with the head of the LGBT committee about time commitments. Mohan volunteered to represent the Academic Staff Assembly if Roche is unable to do so.

4. Election of Vice-Chair

Cohen opened the floor for nominations for the Academic Staff Assembly Vice-Chair position. Clokey nominated Ehlen. Bowen made the 2nd. With no other nominations, Youngquist moved that nominations be closed. The 2nd was made by Margulies. Motion passed unanimously. Youngquist moved acclamation for Ehlen. Farmer made the 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Academic Staff Committees and Liaisons

a. Academic Staff Awards Committee/Miolo - no report.
b. Academic Staff Economic Issues Committee/Cohen - no report.
c. Academic Staff Elections & Balloting/Bowen - no report.
d. Academic Staff Government/Mohan - no report.
e. Academic Staff Organization/Ehlen - no report.
f. Academic Staff Professional Development/Ehlen - no report.
g. Academic Staff Instructional Promotions/Farmer - First meeting established.
h. Academic Staff Review/Cohen - no requests.
i. Academic Staff Title Appeals/Margulies - no requests.
j. Academic Staff Titling Committee/Youngquist - no new requests.
k. Academic Staff Rewards and Recognition Committee/Flanagan - First meeting pending.

6. Announcements:

   a. UW Annual Academic Leadership Conference was reviewed and information on conference was discussed.
   b. UW System strategic framework was discussed.
   c. System wide shared governance committee worked over the summer and will report on Thursday at the meeting in Madison.
   d. Margulies reports, as liaison of safety committee, that there will be regular meetings focusing on day-to-day safety issues—the committee will start by reviewing policy documents.

Meeting adjourned at 1:18p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Thayer, Program Associate/Secretary