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2014-2015 ACADEMIC STAFF ASSEMBLY  
MINUTES  
12:00PM - 1:30PM ON 10 DECEMBER 2014 IN UC 264

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**PRESENT:** Denise Ehlen, Tracy Arneson-Baker, Deb Bowen, Curt Weber, Carmen Rivers, Kara Meissen, Patty Fragola, Tom Drucker, Terry Tumbarello, Mike Flanagan, Nadine Kriska, Kristen Burton

**GUESTS:** Provost Beverly Kopper

**1. Urgent/Priority Business**

- a. **Minutes** – Review of the 12 November 2014 minutes was deferred until the next meeting.
- b. **Provost Beverly Kopper:** Provost Kopper provided a synopsis of the 4 November 2014 Board of Regents Meeting and discussed the following:
  - The Board of Regents wants Whitewater's new Chancellor in place by 1 July 2015. The search will be launched in January.
  - The work of the LEAP Committees provides much of the basis for the Academic Plan. The Board of Regents will come to campus in September 2015, at which time the Campus Master Plan and Academic Plan will be presented. The program array is embedded in the Strategic Planning Report. The Office of Institutional Research is also loading data to its site, establishing a dashboard.
  - Speaker Vos had previously requested workload information for all full-time faculty and instructional academic staff. He has received information on three years of faculty workload and is now requesting workload information on all non-instructional academic staff.
  - In regards to capital building projects, the Student Success Center and new residential hall have been approved by the governor, but the next step is up to the Department of Administration. Construction on the Student Success Center may potentially begin this spring, and the residence hall in perhaps a year.
  - The IAB wishes to establish a new hotline for reporting fraud and waste in the UW-System; it has been approved in the audit committee and a RFP will be issued for implementing the hotline.
  - Other states are looking at dual enrollment to reduce time to degree and tuition costs; students earn an Associates' degree while still in high school.
  - Regarding increasing global education at UWW, the goal is to increase the number of international students here and the number of students going abroad; we need to consider if we have the appropriate array for languages and if there are collaborations that would be effective.

**Action item: Denise Ehlen will forward the links to the Strategic Planning Report and the Office of Institutional Research to the assembly members.**

- c. **Academic Plan Update [Kriska]:** The committee is in the writing phase. The next meeting is on 22 December 2014. The committee will submit a summary of the plan to ASA in late February or early March for discussion and feedback.

**2. Academic Staff Committee Reports**

- a. Awards [Ehlen/Weber] – Bob Lanza will be the nominee for the Regents' Award. Athletics is working with Denise Ehlen to complete the application materials, but it may not happen by the February 15<sup>th</sup> deadline due to the football schedule and other coaching issues.
- b. Economic Issues [Ehlen] – Aimee Arnold attended the 12 November 2014 ASA meeting to discuss budget. She will follow up on the academic lump sums; the information she distributed is not yet finalized and not to be disseminated. Academic lump sums will not be processed by January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- c. Government [Kriska/Flanagan] – Mike Flanagan will notify Denise Ehlen if he wants Cameron Clapper or another government representative invited to the Academic Staff Assembly meeting.
- d. Organization [Fragola] – No report
- e. Professional Development [Ehlen] – No report

- f. Instructional Promotions [Ehlen] – At this point, Denise Ehlen has received 11 requests for instructional promotions. The deadline is today.
- g. Review [Tumbarello] – No report
- h. Title Appeals [Ehlen] – No report
- i. Titling [Ehlen/Weber] – There are two titling requests. The committee meets tomorrow.

**3. Updates/Announcements/Other Business**

- a. Academic Staff Representatives Council Update [Burton] – Regents Falbo and Millner attended the 7 November 2014 Joint Academic Staff and Faculty Representatives Meeting; the discussion centered on regaining control of the ability to set tuition, budget reductions/reallocations, and faculty/academic staff compensation. Academic staff discussed release time, distinguished prefixes/promotion, tuition reimbursement, the 2015 Academic Staff Conference (UW-Stevens Point will host), and budget review. The afternoon joint meeting focused on compensation, edTPA implementation, the November Board of Regents Meeting, updates to UW-Chapters 4, 7, and 11, and the status of the 9/12 payroll option (it will be implemented).
- b. Future Guest Speakers [Ehlen]
- c. Other Business