
**2017-2018 ACADEMIC STAFF ASSEMBLY
MINUTES
12:30PM - 1:45PM ON JANUARY 24, 2018, UC-264**

PRESENT: Patricia Fragola, Curt Weber, Mike Flanagan, Abbie Windsor, Annie Weberpal LaValley, Carmen Rivers, Sara Deschner, Huckleberry Rahr, Nadine Kriska, Carl Fox, JP Villavicencio, Heather Rasmussen (recorder)

EXCUSED: Valerie Vargas, Terry Tumbarello

GUESTS: Becky Mueller

1) Urgent/Priority Business

- a) Grace Crickette, Vice Chancellor, addressed Academic Staff Assembly.
- b) Minutes of November 29, 2017, approved on motion from Flanagan and a second by Kriska. Minutes of December 6, 2017, approved on motion from Deschner and a second by LaValley.

2) Chair's Report

- Merger – Met with Lois Smith. Documentation has all been sent to HLC. ASA needs to decide how to incorporate UW-Rock County into governance. Will be receiving UW-Rock County roster soon from Lois Smith. We will start with a small group including Fragola and Weber. Outreach Committee will review which committees need UW-Rock County representation.
- Fragola has requested from Lois Smith that a member of Academic Staff Assembly be put on the campus Curriculum Committee. Volunteers are encouraged.
- Strategic Enrollment Planning Counsel – Fragola is on committee, will be meeting with consultant.
- Search Updates – HR Director: Fragola is on search and screen committee. Chief Officer of Diversity and Inclusivity: met on January 23, large pool of qualified applicants, starting telephone interviews soon and hoping to have candidates to campus in mid-March.

3) Vice-Chair's Report

- Next UW System Reps meeting will be February 2nd. Additional information on the restructuring is expected.

4) Academic Staff Committee Reports

- a) **Awards:** Gearing up, starting soon.
- b) **Economic Issues:** None.
- c) **Elections:** None.
- d) **Government:** Flanagan has been in contact with Mandela Barnes, Deputy Director of Strategic Engagement at State Innovation Exchange (SiX). He will accept invitation to campus, working to coordinate the timing.
- e) **Instructional Academic Staff Promotions:** Application deadline was January 19. Fourteen applications were received. The committee will be convening shortly. The process needs a bit of work clarifying the connection between titling and promotion.
- f) **Outreach:** None.

g) Professional development: RFP out soon.

h) Review: None.

i) Rewards and Recognition: None.

j) Titling Committee: Standardizing form was approved at the last meeting.

k) Title Appeals: None.

5) Updates/Announcements/Other Business

a) Transportation & Logistics (LaValley): Snow emergency procedures were communicated to campus.

b) Employment Educational Assistance Program Policy (Tumbarello): None

c) Sustainability Council (Vargas): None

d) Many members of Academic Staff aren't aware of Assembly meetings. Need to make ASA meetings more pronounced to all, especially new hires and changes of employment.

The meeting adjourned at 1:48 pm on a motion from Rahr (Villavicencio, second).