Chair Therese Kennedy called the April 28, 1999 meeting of the Academic Staff Assembly to order at 12:10 p.m. in room 206N of the James R. Connor University Center.

Present        Absent
Phyllis Batra               X
Deborah Bowen               X
Karen Buckley (Vice Chair)  X
Steve Chene                 X
Larry Clem                  X
Mike Cohen                  X
Mike Flanagan               X
Therese Kennedy (Chair)     X
Kim Macur                   X
Pat Miller                  X
Kimberly Patten             X
Julia Yeater                X
Lou Zahn                    X

Rita Subrt was present as secretary.

1. Approval of the Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 1999 meeting was made by Miller/Chene. There was a clarification of Plan 2008 made by Kimberly Patten. The mentoring programs being developed are professional staff development programs and UW-W is expanding on existing pre-college programs not developing them. The motion to accept the minutes as amended was unanimously approved.

2. Academic Staff Committee Reports:
   a. Awards Committee (Zahn) No report.
   b. Economic Issues (Kennedy) No report.
   c. Elections (Bowen) Deborah Bowen reported for Pamela Lipka that 68 ballots were returned. Pamela Lipka and Larry Clem counted/verified the ballots and the results were that the three instructional academic staff elected to the 1999-2000 Assembly are: Deborah C. Bowen, Patrick Miller, and Gado Ongwela; and the four non-instructional academic staff elected to the Assembly are: Therese Kennedy, Kathy Schmidt; Lou Zahn, and (as a write-in) Scott Griesbach. Pamela Lipka contacted Scott Griesbach to see if he will accept the position. He will make his decision next week. If he declines, the committee will check with the remaining fourteen write-in candidates.
   d. Government Relations (Cohen) No report.
   e. Job Security (Clem) No report.
   f. Organization (Buckley) There has been a steady response to the Committee Interest memo which was distributed on the 16th of April. Karen hopes to have the committee assignments by the next meeting.
   g. Professional Development (Chene) Steve distributed a handout with the proposed 1999-2000 Academic Staff Professional Development Grant Evaluation Results. A motion to accept the recommendation and forward to the Provost was made/seconded by Clem/Cohen. There was discussion regarding partial funding and how the recommendations were determined. When all questions were answered, a vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously. The committee will forward its recommendations to the Provost and Therese will cover with a letter.
   h. Instructional Promotion (Yeater) No action.
   i. Review (Buckley) No report.
   j. Title Appeals (Flanagan) No action.
   k. Titling (Miller) No action.
   l. Rewards and Recognition (Kennedy) The committee will meet on Friday, April 30. UW System legal counsel is reviewing questions that the committee has raised concerning what can actually be awarded.

3. Chancellor’s retirement: Mike Flanagan read the resolution he prepared for presentation to the Chancellor on June 19th. A motion/second to accept this resolution was made by Zahn/Buckley. The motion passed unanimously. Kennedy will see about having the resolution framed.
4. Instructional Academic Staff Forum (Bowen) Deborah reported on the Instructional Academic Staff Forum held in Madison. She indicated there was much discussion regarding the wide variances in contracts offered to Academic Staff. Some are semester, yearly, multi-year, and indefinite contracts. The team from Whitewater consisted of Ed Erdmann, Dick Telfer, Deborah Bowen, Betty Kobs, and Julianna Constantinescu. Other team members that were unable to attend were Therese Kennedy, Rae Miller, and Rebecca Hogan.

5. UW-System Academic Staff Representatives Meeting Update
   a. Leadership Conference, July 14-16, 1999, will be held at UW-LaCrosse. The Chancellor has funded transportation for six academic staff to attend the conference in the past. More information will be available at a later date.
   b. UW System Leadership Conference in Madison for Women’s Initiative in higher education. Tori McGuire and Therese Kennedy will be representing Academic Staff.
   c. Madison Initiative. Therese circulated a letter which addressed the questions that people had regarding the Initiative.

6. Plan 2008 (Patten) Kimberly Patten suggested everyone download Plan 2008 which is available on the website at the following address:
   http://acadaff.uww.edu/Plan2008_draft6.html
   There was discussion regarding certain terminology used in Plan 2008 which could be misleading. Kimberly indicated she would bring these concerns to the committee. If there are additional questions or concerns, Kimberly’s e-mail address is pattenk.

7. Strategic Planning and Budget Committee (Cohen) The issue of how the SPBC should make decisions was raised several times. The SPBC needs to more fully discuss what should be presented to the SPBC, what information is needed, and what is SPBC's role in making decisions and recommendations.

8. UW-W Marketing Committee (Macur) Therese distributed copies of the minutes of the Marketing Committee for Kim Macur. Questions can be addressed at the next meeting.


10. Chancellor’s Search and Screen Committee (Kennedy) The candidates (Wilson Bradshaw, Daniel Ball, John Miller, and Paul Gaston) were interviewed on campus last week and this week. The next step was to be interviewed by the Board of Regents. The committee forwarded the strengths and weaknesses of the candidates to President Lyall, who will announce the decision by the end of the week or at the Regent’s meeting next week.

11. Additional Agenda Items: None

12. Future Agenda Items: Year end committee reports should be presented at next week’s final meeting of the semester.

13. A motion/second to adjourn was made by Cohen/Buckley and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rita Subrt