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**2020-2021 ACADEMIC STAFF ASSEMBLY  
MINUTES**

**12:30PM – 1:00PM ON MAY 5, 2021; CONCLUSION OF 2020/2021**

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**PRESENT:** Patricia Fragola, Huckleberry Rahr, Susan Chandler, Mike Gorman, Melissa Bleiler, Terry Tumbarello, Christine Hoover, Steven Fischer, Jessica Bleiler, Carmen Rivers, Becky Jones, Abbie Windsor, JP Villavicencio, Rick Pues, Nadine Kriska, Heather Rasmussen (Recorder)

**EXCUSED:** Jessica Walz, Jessica Berge

**GUEST:** Brenda Johansen, Nine Mallory, Isabella Virrueta

**1) Minutes**

- a) April 7; Called for consent. Accepted.
- b) April 14; Called for consent. Accepted.

**2) Upward Evaluation**

- a) Jacqui Palcic, University Staff Council Chairperson, has asked ASA to consider supporting resolution. USC has passed. Motion to accept resolution by Rahr with a second by Chandler. Resolution passes unanimously.

**3) Chair's Report**

- a) Fall Planning: Should be "normal" for fall. No need for social distancing, just cleaning and masking. If things change, we will pivot quickly. UW System has stated they will not think of fall recommendations until mid- to late-June. System will not be requiring vaccination.
- b) Vaccination exemption process to opt out of testing is simple.
- c) Budget: Investigating ways to generate revenue, invest in campus and improve morale.
- d) Regent Weatherly met with governance leaders. Fragola promoted contracting, job security and value of UW-Whitewater as prime considerations.
- e) Board of Regent; University Staff Regents Awards now instituted.
- f) Fragola and Tumbarello met with Janelle Crowley and Taryn Carothers. HR doesn't decide who gets what type of contract. The Dean/Director of the department makes that decision.

**4) Vice-Chair's Report**

- a) Meeting with Fragola, Crowley and Carothers; HR's role (rules, opportunities, rights) not being honored by HR. Must receive written notice within a certain number of months.
- b) EOC
  - Discussion on summer camps/conference, 40-45% capacity as compared to typical year. Quarantine/testing and how to handle.
  - Travel recommendations for next academic year: will have option to travel.
  - Discussions on closed meeting and guidance for vaccinated people (masks, social distancing).

**5) By-laws Follow-up**

- a) Tumbarello sent out email update this morning with all changes. At the end of the document, changes, date, and committee members are noted.

**6) Appreciation of Outgoing Members**

- a) Nadine Kriska, Carmen Rivers, Becky Jones and Steven Fischer: Thank you for your time and commitment while serving on ASA.
- b) Change of officers will be effective July 1, 2021.

Approved 9/8/21