

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STOUT  
SENATE OF ACADEMIC STAFF  
MINUTES  
July 19, 2005

**ATTENDANCE**

CHAIR: Vi Jones  
SECRETARY: Dennis Shaw

PRESENT: Lori Anda-Bowen; Wayne Argo; Heidi Gilbertson-Gansberg; Ilse Hartung; Vi Jones; Kari Merritt; Jennifer Rudiger; Dennis Shaw; Brenda Swannack; Sherwood Thompson; Darrin Witucki

ABSENT: Krista James (excused); Michael Lawler (excused); Lelah Lugo (excused); Robin Muza (excused); Heidi Rabeneck (excused); Peter Schlosser (excused); Evan Sveum (excused)

GUESTS: Joy Evenson

**I. Call to Order:** The summer meeting of the 2005-2006 senate was called to order by Chair Jones at 3:15pm at Ted's Pizza in Menomonie.

**II. Announcements and Information:**

- Chair Jones welcomed new and returning senators
- Each Senator present introduced themselves

**III. Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes from the May 10, 2005 meeting were discussed and approved for filing. The Senators wanted it noted that they liked the new format.

**IV. Reports**

The committee reports were deferred until the September meeting as most committees are not meeting in the summer.

**V. Old Business**

**A. Budget Updates**

Discussion involved the following points:

- The Governor did veto the 1.5% retirement contribution provision in large part

due to lobbying from the Academic Staff and others. It is likely to come up again as in his veto message he did not say he disliked the idea but that the idea did not get public hearings before being put into the budget bill. He also restored some funding and financial aid that was lowered by Joint Finance.

- It was noted that President Reilly spoke at the Academic Staff Leadership Conference and addresses the budget and political climate in the state. It was nice to have him address the Academic Staff from the System campuses.

## **VI. New Business**

### **A. Plaque for Chancellor's Award Recipient**

- Senator Rudiger indicated that her subcommittee will prepare a plaque to be presented when the award recipient is recognized at the Chancellor's Opening remarks during opening week.
- Other Academic Staff award recipients have not yet been named.
- The suggestion was made to feature the award recipients on the Senate website. If Senator Lugo (our webmaster) has not returned to work by opening week, Senator Shaw will work with Joy Evenson to make this happen.

### **B. Action Plans for 2005-2006**

Chair Jones asked that we be thinking about what we need to work on during the year and forward suggestions to her. Suggestions generated at this meeting included:

- Continue group to look at academic unit voting rights/bylaws (chaired by Senator James)
- Look at the title of "non-instructional academic staff" and recommend a positive title instead
- Look for opportunities for Academic Staff to support campus activities as a group
- Reach out to the Chancellor, Provost, and Vice Chancellor
- Consider bringing in outside speakers

### **C. Committee Membership**

Chair Jones will look at committee vacancies and share openings with the Senate.

### **D. Reports from Leadership Conference**

Several Senators and other Academic Staff from UW-Stout attended the Leadership Conference this year hosted by UW-River Falls. Following are some random thoughts shared by attendees:

- President Reilly's speech was realistic and enthusiastic and would seem to indicate his support for Academic Staff
- Several comments were expressed that Stout does not seem so bad off when we hear of the troubles of Academic Staff at many of the other campuses
- Many liked the motivational speaker who kicked everything off on Thursday
- Many sessions were very interactive

- Some thought the DISC inventory and the neutral facilitation presentations provided good tools.

## **VII. Adjournment and Social Time**

The Senate was adjourned at 4:10pm and senators were encouraged to stay and enjoy the pizza and social time.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dennis Shaw, Recording Secretary.