

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STOUT
SENATE OF ACADEMIC STAFF
MINUTES
September 6, 2005

ATTENDANCE

CHAIR: Vi Jones
SECRETARY: Dennis Shaw

PRESENT: Wayne Argo; Lori Anda-Bowen; Heidi Gilbertson-Gansberg; Ilse Hartung; Krista James; Vi Jones; Michael Lawler; Kari Merritt; Robin Muza; Heidi Rabeneck; Dennis Shaw; Brenda Swannack; Evan Sveum; Ryan Wilson

ABSENT: Lelah Lugo (excused); Jennifer Rudiger (excused); Peter Schlosser (excused); Sherwood Thompson; Darrin Witucki (excused)

GUESTS: Chancellor Sorsense; Provost Furst-Bowe

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Jones at 3:05pm.

II. Announcements and Information:

A. Chancellor Sorensen

The Chancellor spoke with the Senate. He emphasized the importance of Academic Staff. He realizes that security in Academic Staff contracts is important to us. They will be "wise and studied" with impact of the budget cuts. Several Senators thanked Chancellor Sorensen for his commitment to Academic Staff on this campus.

C1. Others – Provost Furst-Bowe

Provost Furst-Bowe also spoke with Senators. She praised Senate Chair Jones and echoed many of the thoughts of the Chancellor pledging to work with us.

C2. Others – Wayne Argo

Human Resources Director Argo indicated that the salary letters should go out via email on Friday.

B. Chair Jones

Chair Jones made the following announcements:

- welcomed new and returning Senators.
- indicated that a listing of constituents is being compiled.

- Mentioned that budget forums are coming up. We should encourage attendance. The Senate will devote part of a meeting prior to our forum so that we can get feedback from our constituents (like last year).

III. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the July 19, 2005 meeting were discussed and approved for filing.

IV. Reports

A. Personnel Committee – Margy Ingram

We had eight soft money exceptions in July from SVRI which we concurred that the rationale provided was acceptable. We have an exception pending – waiting for a rationale that was missing.

B. Professional Development Committee - Senator Rudiger

No report.

C. Elections Committee –Senator Resech

No report.

D. Curriculum & Instruction Committee - Mark Fenton

We did have a full schedule of courses and programs to consider. Among the courses, we came back to a tabled revision to PSYC 382: Human Resource Management This course was passed on a voice vote. Among the programs we reviewed is a new major in Golf Enterprise Management. This was also passed on a voice vote.

E. Educational Activities Committee – Senator Shaw

No report.

F. Educational Support Unit Review – Senators Muza

No report.

G. Planning & Review Committee – Senator Rabeneck

No report.

H. General Education Committee - Celene Fry

No report.

I. Human Resources Office – Wayne Argo

See II C2. above

J. Chair Report - Chair Jones

No report.

V. Old Business

A. Agenda for the 2005-2006 Academic Year

Department voting rights will be high on our agenda. The senate discussed bringing in guest speakers and presenters both from on and off-campus

B. ASPRO update and information

Senator Shaw attended the ASPRO planning meeting held in Baraboo representing our Senate. ASPRO is still concerned about the budget picture and what that means for Academic Staff on our campuses. They plan on continuing to lobby both the lawmakers and UW-System on our behalf and will provide members with updates.

C. Forums and Focus Groups

See. II. B. above.

VI. New Business

A. Welcome Provost Julie Furst-Bowe

See. II. C1. above.

B. Approval of Committee Members

Chair Jones presented the following list of appointments for committees.

Americans with Disabilities Committee -	John Achter, 2008
Committee for Competition Review -	Joe Krier, 2008
Curriculum & Instruction Committee -	Evan Sveum, member, 2008 Bob Zeidel, alternate, 2008 Susanne Johnston, alternate, 2008

Diversity Education Committee -	Susanne Johnston, 2008
Educational Support Unit Review Committee -	Brenda Puck, 2008
Equal Employment Opportunity/ Affirmative Action Committee -	Brenda Swannack, 2007 Vickie Kuester, 2007
Equal Opportunities in Education Committee -	Kari Merritt, 2007
General Education Committee -	Celene Frey, 2008
Memorials & Honors Committee -	Nancy Ninas, 2008 Krista James, 2008
Optimal Health Advisory Committee -	Heidi Gilbertson-Gansberg, 2007
Professional Development Committee -	Deanna Applehans, 2006
Student Disciplinary Hearing Committee -	Lucy Nicolai, (Non-Instructional), 2007 Sarah Williamson (CAS), 2007
University Center Advisory Council (Student Center Advisory Committee)	Krista James, 2006
University Ethnic Studies Committee -	Barb Button, 2008 Joann Deml, 2008

Motion: Senator Swannack moved that we approve the appointments proposed above. Senator Rabeneck seconded the motion.

Discussion: We are still in need of an appointment to the Sexual Harassment Education Committee and a Chair for the Election Committee (must be a Senator)

Vote: Passed unanimously.

C. Name Change

Motion: Senator Sveum moved that we charge the Senate Chair to seek University Approval to change the term "Non-instructional Academic Staff" to "Professional Academic Staff." Senator Hartung seconded the motion.

Discussion: Discussion revolved around the need to get more feedback and explore other possible names that could be used.

Motion: Senator Swannack moved that we table this motion. Senator Anda-Bowen

seconded the motion to table.

Vote: Passed. Motion has been laid on the table.

D. Open House/Welcome Packet

The Welcome Packet concept is an idea that Senator Shaw picked up at the ASPRO planning meeting. The idea is to create a packet of information about governance issues that can be personally delivered to new Academic Staff members. Senators liked the idea. Suggestions of what should be included should be directed to Chair Jones.

We also discussed having an Open House similar to last year. The executive committee will bring a proposal to the next meeting for an open house possibly in October.

E. Founder's Day Discussion

This idea was suggested by the Foundation Office for information.

VII. Adjournment

The Senate was adjourned at 4:32pm. Next Senate meeting will be on Tuesday, October 4, 2005 at 3pm (or immediately following the Joint Senate Briefings if not concluded by 3pm).

Respectfully Submitted,
Dennis Shaw, Recording Secretary.