

UNIVERSITY STAFF COMMITTEE - MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 10, 2024 / 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

GALBRAITH ROOM & TEAMS

Members Present: Sherry Craig, Kimberly Fitzgerald, Alex Gray, Jean Hrpcek, Joy Lee, April Puryear

Members Absent: Loki Lott

Guests: Jennifer Wagner

Call to Order: 1:04 pm by Sherry Craig

Meeting Minutes Approval for September 12th, 2024

Motion to approve by Jean Hrpcek, seconded by Kimberly Fitzgerald.

Campus/System Updates

- Phil was not available.

US Pay Policy Changes

- Short meeting that covered the email. No questions. About 20 people attended.

Shared Governance Updates

- Board of Regents meeting on Sept 26-27
 - Handed out the US Excellence Awards
- Faculty Senate
 - Elected a new chair: Adrienne Viramontes
 - Gen Ed committee made changes to Gen Ed policy for Faculty to vote on; approved
 - Changed the secretary job description
 - Question about building reserves and working on our financial issues- they are looking at VSIPs again and reorganizing things
 - Question about campus computer labs and issues with outdated systems- no clear answer; someone mentioned that Chris Robaidek retired and his position was not filled
- Fiscal Oversight Committee next meeting October 14th at 2p on Teams
- Shared Governance Sept 20 (next is Oct 18)
 - New VP of relations: Chris Patton
 - Talked about the budget proposal from Rothman and BOR to the legislature
 - The governor continues to support UW
 - Questions about a proposed raise for chancellors amidst our deficit issues
 - Asked for full funding from legislature, a merit pool for merit-based raises
 - Brought up retention and recruiting

- Students had questions about how UW will meet the needs of students
- Madison- mentioned someone gave retirement notice and the new posting was paying more than the person retiring made and they were asked to teach the new hire
- Stout- officially changed to a polytechnic university
- Eau Claire- will meet their deficit this year rather than next year; more students, but taking less credits
- Parkside- chancellor and cabinet working on a new budget model; hiring process getting more cumbersome; difficult to get people on committee and someone suggested lowering our seats
- Superior- Not keeping SSC for grounds; evaluating all non-academic departments; enrollment is up
- Platteville- less people but more amount of work and some people are becoming overwhelmed; they mentioned it at
- Oshkosh- they are going to four colleges from three colleges, saving \$1.75 million
- La Crosse- exceeded target of first year students; lot of new higher admin
- Green Bay- hosting US professional development conference; becoming a Hispanic serving institution
- River Falls- interim chancellor who is being; 33 VSIPs; introduced a fall break for students
- Whitewater- giving more space to nursing in conjunction with Rock County; \$500,000 structural deficit that will be fixed by 2026

Emeritus Application

- Thank you for the approval
- It has been submitted to the chancellor

Committee Reports

- No notes.

New Business

- For the Distinguished Service Award nominees, we compile the submissions and send them to each nominee

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Joy Lee and seconded by Jean Hrpcek

Meeting adjourned: 1:49 pm

Minutes submitted by: Alex Gray