

# UWRF Academic Staff Council Minutes

Monday, August 17, 2009

Foundation Conference Room, South Hall

## Members:

Gretchen Link	Patti Ford	McKenna Pfeiffer
Ellen Schultz *	Michael Martin	Travis Tubré *
Yunge Dutton	Jennifer Elsesser	Amy Lloyd
Donna Robole		

\* Absent      () Substitute

**Call to Order, seating of substitutes:** 2:05pm

**Approval of Minutes for May 18:** Moved by Dutton. Seconded by Lloyd. Unanimously approved.

## Legislative Report (B. Fry)

- Gov. Doyle has announced that he will not seek re-election, so who might run for that office?
- The Federal Govt. has building funds for land grant schools, such as UWRF. Black is working to network with legislators who may help UWRF in obtaining some of those funds. The HHP building may be an example of our need.
- The Board of Regents was considering having regional representatives, but UW System reportedly told them to not pursue that thought.

## Academic Staff Rep's Report (M. Martin):

*Collective bargaining passed legislation*

- Letters were sent by union representatives to individuals at campuses they thought would benefit from representation as a way of garnering support. 20-30 individuals at UWRF were identified.
- This legislation grants faculty and academic staff the right to union representation. It also leaves the decision to unionize together or separately up to the members. We are the last group of state employees to be granted this right.
- As the process unfolds, one important rule is that union representatives are not to contact you during business hours.
- Important for the Council to serve as an information source for colleagues, but remain neutral. We can make UW System resources on this topic available from the Academic Staff Council website.
- Need to have 30% support from faculty and academic staff in order to hold a vote for unionization. Would need 50% +1 vote to have a union.
- Faculty Senate will be hosting a collective bargaining information session on September 4

## Other Business (G. Link):

- Will invite Chancellor VanGalen to a council meeting
- Chancellor VanGalen plans to host a forum for Academic Staff; the Council will make sure to have representation at the forum.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Dutton. Seconded by Lloyd. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.