

UWRF Academic Staff Council Minutes

Monday, May 19, 2008, 4:00 p.m.

Alumni Room, South Hall

Members:

Mark Kinders	Kevin Bertelsen	McKenna Schumacher
Ellen Schultz	Michael Martin	Travis Tubré
Sarah Egerstrom *	Brad Gee	Amy Lloyd *
Gretchen Link	Yunge Dutton	

* Absent Substitute

Call to Order, seating of substitutes: 4:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from the April 23, April 25, and May 9 meetings: Moved by Gee. Seconded by Bertelsen. Unanimously approved.

Chair's Report/Legislative Update (M. Kinders):

State Budget: Waiting for Gov. Doyle's vetoes; \$200 million lapse. Not sure what implications it will have on UWRF.

IAS Ad Hoc Committee: The group has met twice to identify the issues, which include: contracts, titling, promotions, and department and institution governance. Currently the group is in data gathering mode. UW-La Crosse and UW-Eau Claire have established some policies, so the group will be looking at the work of those campuses.

Possible Grievance: In the next couple of weeks another grievance may be filed.

Handbook: Chancellor has accepted all our rules without any changes!

Academic Staff Rep's Report (Jason)

Main discussion focused on pay and job security (esp. for instructional academic staff). K. Reilly is working on the issues, but without public support, it is important we proceed carefully. Job security especially. No one is guaranteed to keep their job in this climate, so we don't want to irritate more than gain support.

A. Lloyd will attend the compensation meeting to represent UWRF.

Continuing Business

Handbook: UWRF 15: Other Provisions

M. Kinders reviewed rule. Group supported all changes and proposed the following changes for section 15.2

15.2 Reinstatement of Back-up Contracts for Academic Staff

When vacating a limited appointment, an academic staff employee shall revert to his or her previous contract status of fixed-term, probationary or indefinite, and the rights and responsibilities thereof.

Motion to adopt new language. Moved by Martin. Seconded by Link. Unanimously approved.

New Business

Election Results: Council would like to recognize S. Egerstrom for her leadership, service and dedication to the council.

Yunge Dutton from the Registrar's Office was newly elected to the council and will serve a three-year term. Mark Kinders and Gretchen Link were re-elected and will also serve three year terms.

Election of Officers for 2008-2009

Chair: M. Kinders	Moved by Martin. Seconded by Gee. Unanimously approved.
Vice Chair: G. Link	Moved by Bertelsen. Seconded by Gee. Unanimously approved.
Secretary: M. Schumacher	Moved by Martin. Seconded by Schultz. Unanimously approved.
System Rep: M. Martin	Moved by Bertelsen. Seconded by Link. Unanimously approved.

Next year meetings will take place the third Monday of each month from 2:00-3:30 p.m. in the Willow River Room. Jason has made the reservation and M. Schumacher will post meeting times to calendars.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Link. Seconded by Martin. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.