

UWRF Academic Staff Council Minutes

Monday, April 20, 2009

University Center, Willow River Room

Members:

Gretchen Link	Kevin Bertelsen	McKenna Pfeiffer
Ellen Schultz	Michael Martin	Travis Tubré
Yunge Dutton	Brad Gee	Amy Lloyd
Donna Robole *		

* Absent () Substitute

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

Approval of Minutes for February 16 and March 23 : Moved by Gee. Seconded by Lloyd. Unanimously approved.

Instructional Academic Staff (Sandy Soares)

- Few cosmetic changes since the March meeting: 60% appointment changed to 50%; timeline can be changed in the future if it is too compressed; Provost requested a salary schedule be provided to the Deans.

Faculty and Academic Staff Handbook (Sandy Soares)

- The Faculty and Academic Staff Handbook has been updated to appropriately reflect the Instructional Academic Staff policy updates from this academic year.
 - Defined Non-Instructional Academic Staff category A and B (pg 6-8)
 - Council should add handbook responsibilities to Chair or Vice Chair on an annual basis
 - Probationary and indefinite appointments are still included, as there are people on campus with these designations.

Motion to accept changes made by Sandra Soares on Instructional Academic Staff in the Faculty and Academic Staff Handbook. Moved by Schultz. Seconded by Gee. Unanimously approved.

Proposed change of language to 6.4.3 (page 11). Currently reads: "shall consist of members of the Academic Staff Council..."

Suggested language: "may include, as appropriate, members of the academic staff..."

Motion to accept changes made to 6.4.3 Search and Screen Committee Structure: Non-instructional Academic Staff. Moved by Gee. Seconded by Lloyd. Unanimously approved.

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

- Rolled out detail on Inclusive Excellence, new Plan 2008, which is designed to increase inclusivity throughout System
- Textbook rental: discussed having greater consistency throughout System, as in all rent or all buy, because this would increase System's buying power.
- Collective Bargaining: campuses not talking about it in an official manner, still in wait and see mode.
- Veteran's Issues: lack consistency with policy pertaining to extended absences
- 3 year degree
- Meeting on May 1 will be with President Reilly to discuss UPG 3.05

Other Business (G. Link):

Council Elections:

- The goal is to have the general council elections completed by the next meeting. M. Pfeiffer and G. Link will work on this together.
- T. Tubré will express interest in continuing as the faculty representative. G. Link will email D. Rainville to convey Council's interest in having Tubré continue.

Final Meeting: Monday, May 18 will be the final meeting of the year.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Gee. Seconded by Bertelsen. Meeting adjourned at 3:12pm