Call to Order: 2:00 p.m. by Kelly Browning

Seating of Substitutes: None

Approval of Minutes for January 26, 2016 meeting: Moved by Hunzer. Seconded by Martin. Unanimously approved.

Chair’s Report – Kelly Browning

- Kelly will meet with Chancellor Van Galen soon and will discuss merit policy. She reported to look for updates at next month’s council meeting.
- Elections are set in April for the Academic Staff Council positions currently held by Molly Van Wagner, Melissa Perez, and Mike Martin.

Academic Staff Representative’s Report – Mike Martin

- Mike attended the most recent meeting and reported discussion on budget and legislative updates. He shared that about half of the UW campuses have rolling horizon contracts and most campuses have moved to a fixed term contract now.
- He shared that state government is considering changing the state employee health insurance system to a self-insured model and using the savings to further fund K-12 education.

Faculty Senate Liaison Report – Karl Peterson

- The Academic Staff Council will be asked for a nominee to ask for a search and screen for the new dean search for Education and Professional Studies. Mike Harris will be the interim dean for a year. After discussion by the council, Van Wagner nominated Hunzer, and the nomination was seconded by Petree. It was unanimously approved and Browning will send the nomination to Jim Graham.
Revised Handbook motions for approval

1. Motion on Faculty and Academic Staff Handbook Changes to Chapter 6.4, Recruitment (see attached document for the revised policy) (2015-16/1)
   - The committee tasked with revising Chapter 6.4 removed the committee structure table to lessen any questions about who should be involved with search and screen processes. By not defining it on the table, the structure of which three people should be on the search and screen committee would be at the discretion of the hiring authority. Discussion also occurred regarding the terminology the word “full-time” in Chapter 6.4 and whether it would eliminate those who were limited by two weeks or a month due to budget cuts from serving on the committees. The council approved removing the table and revising the text in 6.4.4. to remove any voting and non-voting identifiers.

2. Motion on Faculty and Academic Staff Handbook Changes to Chapter 6.3.3, Academic Staff Appointments (see attached document for the changes) (2015-16/3)
   - This item was been moved to the March meeting.

Announcements

Three new regents were recently appointed to the Board of Regents and one of those is Lisa Erickson, a UW-River Falls student. Erickson will replace Regent Nic Harsy as the non-traditional student on the Board whose term ends in May.

Meeting adjourned at 2:28 pm. Moved by Ford. Seconded by Martin. Unanimously approved.

Next meeting March 15, 2016 from 10-11 a.m. in 140 KFA