Academic Staff Council  
Tuesday May 10, 2016  
10:00 am  
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Members:

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*Absent

Guests: Jennifer Elsesser, Conan Kmiecik, McKenna Pfeiffer, and Karyn Wells.

**Call to Order:** 10:03 a.m. by Kelly Browning

**Seating of Substitutes:** None.

**Approval of Minutes for April 19, 2016 meeting:** Moved by Hunzer. Seconded by Van Wagner. Unanimously approved.

**Welcome to new Council members and Thank you to out-going Council members**

**Chair’s Report – Kelly Browning**
- The council welcomed new members Karyn, McKenna, Conan and Jennifer. Approximately 1/3 of academic staff council voted in the most recent election. Kelly provided updates over the council’s work over the last year, including the merit policy and search committee recommendations.
- Molly will serve as a representative on the Budget Task Force.
- Kelly shared a reminder that narratives were due on May 2 and the remaining steps of the performance review are occurring right now.
- The council may need to have a quick meeting to vote regarding excess budget money, if administration determines it should being used for compensation. The performance review can being used in determining compensation.

**Academic Staff Representative’s Report – Mike Martin**
- No report.

**Faculty Senate Liaison Report – Karl Peterson**
- Karl shared faculty senate election updates. He will continue as Faculty Senate Liaison for upcoming year.
- Faculty senate passed a resolution of no confidence at its most recent meeting, showing dissatisfaction with changes to tenure policy and shared governance within the state of Wisconsin.
- A Strategic Choices Taskforce has been developed to look into important questions related to what array of academic programs can be sustained in the current academic environment. The council discussed that the taskforce does not include academic staff representation. Kelly will look into talking to the Provost about having potential academic staff representation on it.
Elections

- Kathleen Hunzer nominated Kelly Browning for chair, seconded by Molly Van Wagner. Kelly accepted. Unanimously approved.

Opening Week Session in the Fall Discussion – possible topic – Engaging Academic Staff

- The council discussed offering an opening session in the fall for academic staff. Ideas included informing academic staff about the SMART Goal process and the new merit policy, hosting a “Meet the Council” open house, or hosting a thank-you event. A subcommittee of Jennifer Sell, Karyn, McKenna and Kelly was formed to further discuss options.