



Committee on Academic Staff Issues (CASI) Meeting
Wednesday, November 17, 2021
9:00 a.m.
Via Microsoft Teams
Minutes

Present:

Mark Markel	Katie Harmelink
Ryan Brunker	Laura Larson
Jenny Dahlberg	Brett Nemke
Chris Eisele	

1. Approval of the minutes for the October 6, 2021, CASI Meeting – M. Markel

2. Business Arising – M. Markel

None

3. Spring CASI Forum – M. Markel

Discussion was held regarding a spring CASI meeting. Several ideas were considered, and it was decided Chris Eisele would reach out to Kris Connolly to present on benefits. If Kris agrees, Kaye will begin work on scheduling a date, hopefully in February, that works for Kris and the CASI members.

4. TTC Debrief – J. Dahlberg

As most know, new titles are in place as of November 7, 2021. If you need to appeal your title, please be aware the process has a short time-turn around and the process needs to be started by December 10th. Only the title (core work definition) can be appealed.

5. ASPRO Update – J. Dahlberg

Fourteen different legislature actions that impact UW activities are making their way through the various state processes. Most relate to actions to remove authority of instructors to decide what to teach and how to teach, some related to tuition costs. Due to elections and holidays, no more specific legislative actions are expected until the assembly and senate reconvene in the new year.

6. Assembly and ASEC Updates – J. Dahlberg

The Chancellor spoke at the November Assembly Meeting. She shared successes recently in undergraduate recruitment (large incoming freshman class with high number of underrepresented minority students and Wisconsin residents; with many scholarships awarded). She also mentioned, with TTC finally in place, comparable data for staff salaries will be available. The UW has data for graduate student and faculty salaries (and as a result was able to make adjustments to those groups), but until TTC, the institution lacked data for staff salaries comparisons to the local market and other institutions. She also confirmed the likelihood of a 2% pay plan for January 2022. The Chancellor also mentioned the financial impact of the pandemic was less severe than predictions-in part due to furloughs and other actions (travel restrictions) the campus took to prevent negative financial impacts. Jenny mentioned she is in her last year on ASEC (term ends 6/30/2022) and would encourage anyone interested in governance to consider participating in either ASEC or any of the other nine standing committees of the assembly.

7. Dean's Comments – M. Markel

AVMA COE Mock Site Visit / Site Visit - A Mock Site visit was conducted last week, November 10-12. Dr. Pat Farrell assisted in the visit, as well as reviewed the SVM Self-Study. The Self-Study is due to the AVMA Council on Education a week from this Friday. The actual Site Visit will be January 23-27.

8. Meeting adjourned: 9:20 a.m.

9. Next meeting: TBD

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