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TO: Academic Staff Representatives Council

FROM: Cora B. Marrett *Cora B. Marrett*
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SUBJECT: Agenda for April 21, 2005 meeting

I am looking forward to our meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2005, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in 1820 Van Hise Hall.

To begin, I will lead a discussion on campus climate, with the specific goal of addressing some issues raised at the April Board of Regents regarding the Annual Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Report presented to the Board and submitted to the Legislature each April. Dr. Jan Sheppard, Academic Planner for the UW System Office of Academic and Student Services, will join me in presenting information on the statutory reporting requirements for UW System employees. I also hope we might take some time to engage in a broader discussion of campus climate. Each of you is involved in some facet of addressing campus climate, and I believe you could be helpful to System as we move forward on a variety of climate issues surrounding AODA topics, diversity, and other arenas in which we hope to make our institutions as hospitable as we can.

We will continue our conversation on the matter of administrative efficiencies and have invited Ron Singer, Associate Vice President for Academic and Student Services, to return to offer insight on the Provosts/Chief Business Officers Working Group.

The budget is continuing its process through the Legislature. Kerry Niemcek-Druecke will lead a brief discussion on the tools that are provided to Academic Staff -- such as the Legislative Update -- and identify which you find most helpful.

At the request of Council members, a discussion on the reaction to campus budget submissions that were due April 15 will follow. We know this has been a difficult time for the institutions as they confront what amounts to yet another round of budget cuts, and we know that this situation deeply impacts academic staff. Freda Harris, Associate Vice President for Budget and Planning, and Renee Stephenson, Director of Budget Planning, will address the group.

As I indicated at the last meeting, we will close with a “Roundtable,” where representatives can share information about events on their campuses. I look forward to learning more about the responsibilities and roles each of you play at your respective institutions.

Additionally, we will give the River Falls representative, Kimberly Gould-Speckman, the opportunity to update us on the progress of the Academic Staff Leadership Conference. It has come to my attention that locations for the next several years have not yet been chosen. Here is a link to the past conference locations: <http://www.uwsa.edu/srvpadm/asreps/confer.htm>

I welcome other topics you would like to add to the agenda, and invite you to contact me before next Thursday, or to raise them during the meeting.

Our agenda then, is as follows:

1. Welcome -- *Cora Marrett and Academic Staff Representatives*
2. Sexual Assault Reporting and Other Campus Climate Issues – *Jan Sheppard*
3. Provosts/CBOs Working Group -- *Ron Singer*
4. Legislative Information Processes – *Kerry Niemcek-Druecke*
5. Campus Budget Reductions – *Freda Harris and Renee Stephenson*
6. Academic Staff Leadership Conference Update – *Kimberly Gould-Speckman*
7. Roundtable
8. Items for May Meeting
9. Other