



# 2004-05 University of Wisconsin System Academic Staff Representatives Conference Call Minutes

**Thursday, December 16, 2004  
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

**9:00 Human Resource Issues**

*Al Crist*, Assistant Vice President for Human Resources

Karen Timberlake, Director of the Office of State Employee Relations, has received the Board of Regents request for 2005-07 compensation benefits and pay plan recommendation. She indicated that OSER will review the proposals.

The UW-River Falls Chancellor Search and Screen Committee has almost completed its work.

The UW-Whitewater Chancellor Search and Screen Committee will be formed by the end of the month and receive their charge in January. The new chancellor should begin by fall semester, 2005.

The UW Colleges and UW-Extension Chancellor Search and Screen Committees have not been formed and are on hold.

The Board of Regents heard testimony from LBGTQ (Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Transgender and Questioning) students who want UW System to create a more inclusive environment. The minutes of the meeting are not yet posted, but you will be provided a link once they are available.

To UW System knowledge, employee health care premiums will not change. Human Resources will monitor the situation.

**9:30**

**Legislative Update**

*Margaret Lewis, Associate Vice President for University Relations*

The discussion from Margaret Lewis and David Olien is best summarized here in a message from Linda Weimer, Vice President for University Relations:

"Over the next few weeks (or month), Governor Doyle will be nailing down the state's 2005-07 budget. I want to thank the campuses, including UW-Stevens Point and UW-River Falls, where students have been actively in touch with the Governor's office, reminding him of the need to reinvest in the University of Wisconsin System and in the quality of their education, and the need to keep public higher education in Wisconsin accessible and affordable.

It is important that the Governor and his supporters hear, during these next few weeks, about the university's request and why it is so important to the state. President Reilly has been communicating on this regularly with the Governor and the Chancellors are doing so as well, but many of you also have LEAD teams and/or governance groups that should be informed of our request and timeline, and should be in touch, should they so desire. At the same time, it also is important for the Governor to hear from his democratic legislators who have campuses in their districts.

With this in mind, I am attaching several items that may be helpful and informative:

- talking points on the 2005-07 budget request (including the link to our website where there is much more detail);
- the chart showing the cuts that our campuses have already taken in GPR support;
- a speech that President Reilly gave to business leaders in the Janesville area that lays out very well the economic arguments for state investment in the university; and
- our 2005-07 budget fact sheet. Please distribute any and all of this material to your colleagues.

Contact information for the Governor is available on the state website or through a link on our website at [www.wisconsin.edu](http://www.wisconsin.edu).

**10:00**

**Forum and Discussion among Academic Staff Representatives**

Jean Wilcox, Convener