



2004-05 University of Wisconsin System Council of Academic Staff Representatives

Thursday, May 19, 2005 Meeting Minutes

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Cora Marrett opened the meeting with some comments about budget deliberations and that the Joint Finance Committee was expected to take up the budget within the next week or so. Distributed was a letter from UW System President Kevin Reilly to the Joint Finance Committee.

Ron Singer, Associate Vice President for Academic and Student Services, returned to the group to answer questions on the Provosts/CBOs group tasked with identifying administrative efficiencies in the UW System. Attached are documents providing further information.

Assistant Vice President for Academic and Student Services Larry Rubin discussed a holistic approach to admissions. The charge of a group studying the approach is to formulate guidelines for use by the campuses. There will be significant human resources and financial resources to create this approach. The development of the timeline is underway.

Assistant Vice President for Human Resources Al Crist addressed the Central Wisconsin issue of having limited HMO options. Crist indicated that self-insurance would be cost prohibitive. Crist encouraged members to contact Esther Olson, the academic staff member of the Fringe Benefits Advisory Committee. At the next Board of Regents meeting, there may be a proposal to have any increase in pay plan be discretionary. The Council members indicated that they would discuss that matter in the Representatives-only portion of the meeting for a potential action on that item.

Academic Staff Representatives Kimberly Gould-Speckman briefed the Council on the Academic Staff Leadership Conference plans for the summer. Web-based registration should soon be available at <http://www.uwrf.edu/aslc/>. The last session on Friday will be the incoming/outgoing Council of Academic Staff Representatives meeting.

Freda Harris, Associate Vice President for Budget and Planning, reviewed some of the current actions by the Joint Finance Committee. The new budget projections were encouraging, and Department of Administration Secretary Marc Marotta indicated his desire to have the JFC pay for the UW System utilities shortfall -- among other things -- with this funding. The papers on the UW System budget are online. Go to <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lfb/2005-07budget/BudgetPapers/Cumulative.htm> and scroll down to the University of Wisconsin System. Overall, the best choices the committee members could make are to maintain the Governor's budget.