



# 2004-05 University of Wisconsin System Academic Staff Representatives Orientation Meeting

**Thursday, September 23, 2004**

**9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Room 1820 Van Hise Hall, 1220 Linden Drive  
Madison, Wisconsin**

## **Welcome**

Kevin Reilly, President of the UW System, welcomed the Academic Staff Representatives and assured the representatives that he was familiar with the issues of importance, as he spent most of his career as academic staff.

## **Human Resource Issues**

*Dr. Al Crist*, Assistant Vice President for Human Resources

The power point presentation prepared by the Office for Human Resources for the Board of Regents was distributed at the meeting. Here is the link to the document:

[http://www.wisconsin.edu/news/2004/09-2004/sep09\\_ppt-finance.pdf](http://www.wisconsin.edu/news/2004/09-2004/sep09_ppt-finance.pdf)

## **Legal Issues Facing the UW System**

*Patricia Brady*, General Counsel

Brady described her office responsibilities to the UW System. Representatives asked the General Counsel to continue to have open meetings on legal issues at each of the campuses. Additionally, Brady gives advice on how to conduct meetings in adherence with the open meetings law. She cautioned against using computer listservs and email to conduct official business.

## **Finance Issues**

*Debbie Durcan*, Vice President for Finance

Durcan reviewed the findings of the Legislative Audit Bureau audit of UW System Administration. The findings are here:

Highlights <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lab/reports/04-10Highlights.htm>

Full Report .pdf <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lab/reports/04-10full.pdf>

Here is the UW System response: <http://www.wisconsin.edu/labaudit/response.htm>

Statement by Regent Chair Toby Marcovich

<http://www.wisconsin.edu/labaudit/marcovich.htm>

Statement by President Kevin P. Reilly

<http://www.wisconsin.edu/labaudit/statement.htm>

**Budget Issues**

*Freda Harris*, Associate Vice President for Budget and Capital Planning

Harris discussed the budget priorities for the 2005-07 biennium.

Budget request documents are found in the Board of Regents August meeting materials:

<http://www.uwsa.edu/bor/agenda/2004/august.pdf>

**Legislative Issues**

*Linda Weimer*, Vice President for University Relations

Weimer asked the Academic Staff Representatives to continue sharing the problems UW System is facing as fallout from budget cuts come to light. Additionally, she encouraged the members to find out where their legislators and other elected officials stand on higher education.

Weimer handed out a fact sheet on the 2005-07 UW System budget request:

<http://www.wisconsin.edu/budget/archive/2005-07/2005-07budgetFactSheet.pdf>