



# 2002-03 University of Wisconsin System Academic Staff Representatives Conference Call Minutes

Thursday, October 17, 2002

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

**9:00 Legislative Update**

*David Miller*, Assistant Vice President for University Relations

University Relations works with all external communications: Media relations, fundraising, President's residence and government relations. Some of the outreach functions by University Relations include: the Economic Summit, UW Day (planned for March 2003), press releases and the legislative update.

The upcoming budget will be a difficult one. UW System will need the help of academic staff representatives to bring the university message to their local legislators.

**9:30 Professional Development Discussion**

*Mark Skutley*, Academic Staff Representative, UW-Stout

*Lisa Kornetsky*, Academic Planner and Director, Office of Professional and Instructional Development

UW-Stout is currently analyzing professional development data. Mark Skutley has surveyed the academic staff representatives statewide on formal guidelines for academic staff professionals to pursue advanced degrees. The goals of the research are to improve funding for academic staff professional development at Stout, and perhaps to work with UW System to create a funded leave mechanism for the purpose of receiving an advanced degree.

The research will include analyses of expenditures and academic staff demographics.

**\*\* A Note From Human Resources \*\***

If you have questions about how health plans join the State Health Insurance Program, how changes to the benefits are made or what proposals may be considered in the future, please feel free to contact Beth Ritchie, Office of Human Resources and Staff Benefits at 608-265-5150 or [britchie@uwsa.edu](mailto:britchie@uwsa.edu).