



**The University of Wisconsin System Administration
Academic Staff Committee**

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**April 9, 2025
9:00-10:00**

Teams or Room 212 780 RGT

ATTENDEES: Jesse Czech, Sarah Ebben, Katie Ptaszek, Ka Lia Smith, Cayla Leikin, Lindsey Smeaton, Ryan Anderson, Shanna Nifoussi

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: N/A

AGENDA

1. Opening of meeting (Jesse)
2. Subcommittee Updates (All)
 - a. Communications – will continue to add ASC meeting minutes to UW Connect and try to drive traffic to our ASC website
 - b. Personnel Policies/Bylaws and Divisional Representation – this subcommittee was consulted on the removal of Wisconsin Humanities Council funding and the impacted employees
 - c. UWSA Policy Review and HR Liaison – the subcommittee met with Jason Beier in his new role as head of HR to discuss building a relationship with UWSA shared governance. Planning to meet every other week – part of the time on reviewing/updating the ASC handbook and part on staff concerns, feedback, and updates.
3. Professional Development ideas for HR (All) - HR is particularly interested in training ideas. Suggested AI/Copilot.
4. Policy Prioritization Survey results so far (Katie/All) – career growth, telecommuting, and professional development were the top results. These will be used to focus our conversations with leadership.
5. Brainstorming and open discussion as needed (All)

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- a. UWSA – there is a focus group that is testing Microsoft 365 Copilot. Licenses are \$30/month.
- b. UWSS – continuing to work on Workday communications
- c. OPLR

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