



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

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**August 14, 2025**

**3:00-4:00**

**Teams or Room 212 780 RGT**

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

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Ryan Anderson, Shanna Nifoussi

**AGENDA**

1. Opening of meeting (Jesse)
2. Subcommittee Updates (All)
  - a. Awards – N/A
  - b. Communications – Continue to solicit staff feedback regarding professional development ideas.
  - c. Elections – N/A
  - d. Personnel Policies/Bylaws and Divisional Representation – N/A
  - e. Resolution Drafting – N/A
  - f. UWSA Policy Review and HR Liaison – Met with HR leadership on August 14<sup>th</sup> to review ASC handbook revisions, specifically removing the language in chapter 5.02(3). Further discussion needed within ASC regarding who would serve on any hearing bodies as listed in the handbook – would it be better to designate a standing subcommittee rather than relying on adhoc? Telecommuting agreements expired July 1, additional information will be communicated once the Workday process has been clarified.
3. *A History of the University of Wisconsin System* speaker update (Cayla) – HR approved for author Pat Brady to be a speaker on October 22<sup>nd</sup> with moderated Q&A panel. Next planning meeting with the author is September 4<sup>th</sup>.

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4. Chair update (Jesse) – Jesse’s role is ending in December 2025, and he would like to have an interim chair designated who would accompany him to the next Statewide rep meeting for a smoother transition. The new Statewide Rep orientation day is September 25<sup>th</sup> with the first full meeting the next day. We would have regular elections at the end of this year and the interim Chair could run for the full term if desired. Contact Jesse if you are interested in nominating yourself as interim Chair.
5. Brainstorming and open discussion as needed (All)
  - a. UWSS – “Hypercare,” support staffing for the immediate time after Workday go-live, is starting to roll off, but training sessions are still available.
  - b. OPLR – The Fall Symposium is approaching and the schedule will heavily feature AI.
  - c. UWSA – Federal activity is picking up again as the academic year approaches and leadership is managing updates as they come through.

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