



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

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**February 20, 2024
2:00-3:00 PM
Teams**

NOTES/MINUTES

Attendees: Jesse Czech, Katie Ptaszek, Jenna Swartz, Sarah Ebben, Shanna Lockwood, Ryan Anderson, Fay Akindes

AGENDA

1. Opening of meeting (Jesse)
2. Updates from divisions (All)
 - a. UWSA – OPID Spring Conference on Teaching and Learning is open to all employees. Academic Staff Awards nominations are now due March 4th. Board-review required policies project has begun and is expected to take about 2 years. Department budget reviews have started for FY25 with the new zero-based budgeting system.
 - b. UWSS – Focusing on Workday implementation and the decommissioning of certain HRS tools past the July 1 2025 go-live date. Reference check tool called SkillSurvey pilot within UWSA will be launched for recruiting before starting at campuses.
 - c. UWEX – Online Strategic Report for more cohesive approach to online learning across campuses – website listing all online degrees at all campuses launched last week; advisory board is now running; reviewing program development model and budgeting models. Grants management has migrated to a new software.
3. Subcommittee Updates (All)

Subcommittee assignments as follows:

 - a. Awards – Ryan, Sarah, Jenna
 - b. Communications – Ryan, Fay, Jesse, Jenna
 - c. Elections – Katie, Jenna, Shanna

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- d. Personnel Policies/Bylaws and Divisional Representation – Cayla, Katie, Shanna
 - e. Resolution Drafting – Jesse, Shanna, Fay
 - f. UWSA Policy Review and HR Liaison – Cayla, Sarah, Katie
4. Statewide Rep update (Jesse) – The group is preparing a letter to President Rothman to establish a formalized line of communication between the office of the president and statewide academic staff committee. The aim is to remove some messaging and change communication barriers and have a channel to bring staff concerns to his office. Group expressed concern about the DEI positions and recent pay plan agreement and what it means going forward.
 5. Onboarding ASC Members (Jesse)
 6. Open discussion as needed – Planning to have an event later in the year to thank prior members of ASC and current group bonding. Cayla will get in touch with a government relations employee about setting up a meeting with ASC. Concerned about getting the HR meetings and policies groups active again.

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