



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

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March 13, 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, Ryan Anderson, Shanna Nifoussi

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: N/A

AGENDA

1. Opening of meeting (Jesse)
2. Updates from divisions (All)
 - a. UWSA – Federal working group meets twice a day to monitor and push out updates; FAQs and new web pages are being developed. The announced UWSA hiring freeze and budgetary reductions are not extended to the campus level.
 - b. UWSS – Continuing work on communications for Workday cutover. Employees should have received the first training module invitations from Instructure Canvas. For more information about Workday training and resources available, check out the training pages on the [new Workday website](#).
 - c. OPLR – starting development of a new clinical mental health program with UW-Parkside. OPLR social club has a lineup of in-person and hybrid events for spring.
3. Subcommittee Updates (All)
 - a. Awards – the subcommittee is reviewing applications for Board of Regents awards. The UWSA awards have been moved to the summer.
 - b. Communications
 - c. Elections
 - d. Personnel Policies/Bylaws and Divisional Representation
 - e. Resolution Drafting

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- f. UWSA Policy Review and HR Liaison – Discussion on restarting Walking Wednesdays. Pay progression and merit lump sum payments will potentially happen later this year.
- 4. Statewide Rep update (Jesse) – update on starting civil discourse initiative on campuses. Campuses now have protocols in place for if ICE agents are on campus.
- 5. Bereavement Leave update (Cayla/All) – Madison has told their academic staff representatives that they will table discussions on bereavement leave until after Workday.
- 6. Brainstorming and open discussion as needed (All)
 - a. Discussion about meeting with UWSA University Staff Council, possibly as a regular cadence.
 - b. What communication channels are available for ASC? Discuss at next HR Liaison meeting.
 - c. Jesse will send an email to ASC regarding a list of top 5 policy priorities to bring to the statewide group (due May 2).

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