



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

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May 13, 2025

2:30-3:30

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 – this subcommittee met with the UWSA Board of Regents Awards subcommittee and finalists have been selected.
 - b. Communications – continuing to submit postings to UW Connect on a regular cadence
 - c. Elections
 - d. Personnel Policies/Bylaws and Divisional Representation
 - e. Resolution Drafting
 - f. UWSA Policy Review and HR Liaison – latest meeting was cancelled, next is scheduled for May 20.
3. Professional Development ideas for HR (All) – can HR offer trainings specific to each department based on their duties? How can employees submit those kinds of topic requests to HR? Can we send out a call on UW Connect for employee ideas and times that work best for them to submit via our website?

Cayla – could we have a presentation from the author of *History of UW System*?

Could HR or someone else facilitate a professional development book club?

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4. Statewide Rep Update (Jesse) – will send a summary of the meeting minutes to ASC members
5. Brainstorming and open discussion as needed (All)
 - a. UWSA – OBE is hiring for a State Director position. OBE lost a federal grant due to an executive order.
 - b. UWSS – A new benefits system, My Insurance Benefits (MIB), will be live for new hires as of July 7. All other employees will start using it during the Annual Benefits Enrollment session. MIB is only a benefits enrollment/management tool and the benefit offerings are not changing.
 - c. OPLR – N/A
6. ASC will not have a July meeting to leave space for Workday go-live. Keep an eye out for an early August meeting instead.

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