

Academic Chairs' Meeting

March 9, 2009

RSC 111, 3:00 p.m.

Present: Mary Balcer , Michael Ball, Liz Blue, Glenn Carlson, Orv Clark, Tim Cleary, Beth Gilbert, Suzanne Griffith, James Lane, Deb Nordgren, Cecilia Schrenker, Chad Scott , Nick Sloboda, Gloria Toivola, Greg Trudeau, Chris Markwood, Faith Hensrud, Sharon Sullivan, Jerry Hembd, Judy Dwyer, Jan Hanson, Jim Antilla.

Absent: Martha Einerson

- 1) **Global Awareness Initiative and Relationship to Departments - Judy Dwyer/Jerry Hembd**
 - History/Overview of UW-S Global Awareness Liberal Arts Initiative distributed and discussed ([attachment 1](#)).
 - Academic Affairs Council approved Global Studies Minor proposal; goes to Faculty Senate.
 - Dr. Eri Fujieda slated as coordinator; home department to be Social Inquiry.
 - Request departmental input as to what a global education should encompass.
 - Office of International Programs Annual Report for 2008-09 distributed ([attachment 2](#))
 - Contact Judy Dwyer to attend department meeting to continue discussion on international student recruitment, etc.

- 2) **Budget Update-Jan Hanson**
 - Governor Doyles' budget currently provides for:
 - \$12 million to the UW System for higher education
 - \$24 million to Higher Education Aids Board in financial aid for need-based tuition
 - funding for new university research projects
 - increased funding for recruitment and retention of faculty and academic staff
 - reductions in GPR and non-GPR funding (may be tuition offset for UWS)
 - 2% salary increases still in current biennium budget but 0 increases foreseen for the 2009-2011 budget
 - May be increases in health care costs.
 - Swenson Hall-going to Building Commission this month with a request that the required donor portion be reduced by 50%. Goes to bid March 30.
 - Barstow Hall renovation project moving ahead at this time.
 - CIPT continues identifying priorities for UW-S.
 - Chairs ask for a 5 to 7 year comparison of administrative positions to academic positions.

- 3) **Institutional Research and Planning Office - James Antilla, UWS Policy & Planning Analyst and Coordinator of Continuous Improvement Planning**
 - Office located in Main 308; staffed by Jim Miller and Jim Antilla (see <http://www.uwsuper.edu/ir>).
 - Responsible for data collection for various reports, surveys, putting together an on-line Factbook, etc.
 - Supports continuous improvement on campus Trained as a facilitator; available for retreats

- 4) **CIPT Update (see (see <http://www.uwsuper.edu/cipt>))**
 - Continues prioritization and identification of high needs of campus
 - Putting together top 10 priorities; determine cost and dollar amount of each priority
 - Every department and every unit on campus will be expected to complete a strategic plan. Several units are currently piloting strategic planning templates to be used.

- 5) Deadlines/Reminders
 - Next Department Chair Meeting – **Monday, March 23, in HWC 2420**
 - All Campus Unit Head Meeting – Planning Retreat:
Thursday Afternoon, May 21 and Friday, May 22
 - Summer Department Chair Meetings:
Thursday, June 25, Noon-4
Wednesday, July 15, Noon-4
Monday, August 24 (Opening Week) Time TBA
 - Spring Semester grades due – May 22 by noon
 - Engaging Departments Institute-July 8-12, 2009—Contact Maria Cuzzo by March 15.

- 6) Campus Events:
 - Hive Nights – Meet in RSC concourse at 8:30 p.m.
 - Thursday, April 2
 - Tuesday, April 28
 - Theatre Production:
 - April 23-25, May 1-2, 7:30 p.m., and May 3, 1:00 p.m., “Leading Ladies” by Ken Ludwig, Manion Theatre
 - Music Department:
 - March 10, 7:30 p.m - Brent Jones – Percussion Recital Series, Webb Hall
 - March 31, 7:30 p.m. – Joe Scaffidi - Senior Clarinet Recital, Webb Hall

- 7) Future Discussions--
 - Evaluation of Teaching Academic Staff
 - Overload Discussion