



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

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November 19, 2024

2:00-3:00

Teams or Room 212 at 780 Regent

Attendees: Jesse Czech, Katie Ptaszek, Cayla Leikin, Ryan Anderson, Jenna Swartz, Sarah Ebben

Not in attendance: Fay Akindes

AGENDA

1. Opening of meeting (Jesse)
2. Updates from divisions (All)
 - a. UWSA – New Associate Vice President of Financial Administration Josh Smith started on November 18th; Cathy Riedl-Farrey will be the new Controller replacing Ginger Hintz in December.
 - b. UWSS – communications about university staff leave change to fiscal year have been posted; university staff will get a small bank of leave to tide them over through June. Workday transition will have several open houses coming up.
 - c. OPLR – Big jump in campus interest in contracted services offered by instructional design team.
3. Subcommittee Updates (All)
 - a. Awards
 - b. Communications
 - c. Elections – Proposed nominations Dec 2-11 and elections Dec 12-18. Will try to get the election posted to the intranet page and use the ASC website fillable form for the ballot. Will include text box for feedback from staff in the form.
 - d. Personnel Policies/Bylaws and Divisional Representation
 - e. Resolution Drafting
 - f. UWSA Policy Review and HR Liaison

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4. Statewide Rep update (Jesse) – Dan Chanen provided update on paid parental leave usage since implementation. A policy to allow 9-month employees to choose to be paid over 12 months is in development. Question about bereavement leave at campuses – do they have anything different than System? Could we develop a policy to allow for dedicated bereavement leave instead of just sick time, using the paid parental leave process as a model? Next meeting will be on Friday.
5. Open discussion as needed (All)
 - a. Jesse will reach out to Kathy Divine to hopefully attend the December meeting to discuss the biannual budget.
 - b. We will add an anonymous feedback box on the ASC website that can be sent directly to the committee email group.

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