Minutes of the Joint Meeting
of the
Faculty & Academic Staff Personnel Committees
February 7, 2012

Members Present:
Janice Bogstad, Katie Ritland Clouse, Jeff Erger, Kate Hinnant, Jennifer Lee, Tom Lockhart, Sherry Macaul, Geoff Peterson, Kathy Sahlhoff, Lisa Schiller, Patti See, Sherrie Serros, Linda Spaeth, Terry Wells
Guest: Donna Weber

1. Chairs Peterson and Lee jointly called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.
2. The reason for the joint meeting was clarified. Representatives to six system working groups about the structuring of personnel systems were appointed in January without consultation of governance. While System failed to copy faculty and academic staff representatives on the requests, and there was a short turn-around time to submit names, no governance body was consulted before names were sent forward to system. After some discussion of the working groups and the timeline involved, there was no objection to writing language for the by-laws to address the need for transparency in the process of appointing representatives and consulting with appropriate governance bodies. Chairs Peterson and Lee will work to draft language.
3. A second issue concerns the language associated with Chair and Vice-Chair of the Senate. If the senate elects as Chair a member of the Instructional Academic Staff with Faculty Status, then the Vice-Chair must be an Academic Staff member, and vice-versa. It would not be possible under our current process to have and IAS Chair and faculty Vice-Chair. This is resolved by appropriately removing the quantifier “university” from phrasing in the specific paragraph of the by-laws. There were no objections to proceeding with this change. Chairs Peterson and Lee will bring the issue to the Executive Committee.
4. Some final discussion of WRS and proposed legislative changes were discussed.
5. The joint meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie Serros