The Faculty Representatives met in Madison on September 20th, 2013. We spent significant time discussing the search for the new system president. This included discussion of the timeline and the qualities the faculty representatives hoped to see in the new system leadership. The expectation is that a short list of semi finalists by early December with the hope of passing a list of five finalists to the Board of Regents in early January.

Our second topic of discussion focused on the issues surrounding the communication failures of the UW system office, particularly in regards to the apparent lack of effective communication with the state legislature.

The Education Committee of the Board of Regents is preparing a report on faculty workload. They are gathering data on workload, quality of education, and salary across the campuses to make an argument to the legislature for increased funding as well as to ensure that workload levels are at parity across the System.

The meeting wrapped up with a lengthy discussion of the surplus mess from last spring and the consequences that the mess had on both our budget and on our relationship with the leadership in the legislature.