

OAC meeting minutes: 1:30 p.m., September 11th, 2003

EMU Umpqua room

Attending: Annie Bentz, Kathy Cannon, John Crosiar, Chris Loschiavo, Todd Lundgren, Marilyn Reid, Fred Tepfer and Mick Westrick (recording).

OA Orientation

Feedback was solicited by Fred and Todd on the handout for the OA orientation to be held on September 16th in the EMU Fir Room.

Election

Todd Lundgren was unanimously elected to chair the OAC for the 03'-04 academic year. The Council also decided to create a Vice Chair position. The Council member in this position would serve as Chair in the Chair's absence and help to coordinate the general administration of the Council. The holder of the Vice Chair position may be elected to the Chair position in a subsequent year, but that progression is not to be automatically assumed. Annie Bentz was unanimously elected to this position for the '03-'04 year.

Left undone

Fred had requested that we devote some time to agenda setting for the next year. A first step was to look back at work that we weren't able to complete from this year. Items that we'd still like to work on include:

- OA Project - We want to revisit our original hopes and expectations for this project. The project's goal was to forward Dan Williams' goal of "professionalizing" the OA class of employees. There was some feeling that we haven't yet achieved that goal. Donna said she would look at her notes from the last OA project meeting to see where things had left off and how we can best follow-up with Linda King. Fred said he would also call Linda to get a sense of how she views the status of the OA Project. This issue will be discussed again at the October meeting.
 - Goals for the next year -- Chris Loschiavo suggested we conduct a conversation about other goals for the next year. Suggested topics included further discussion/clarification of types and lengths of contracts and compensation. Annie said she would bring copies of the comments from last year's Annual Meeting to the next meeting to help with goal setting. Fred said it might also be useful to invite the vice presidents to a future OA Council meeting to discuss the issues for OAs in each of their areas.
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