

# Committee on Academic Staff Issues (CASI) meeting minutes for Feb. 10, 2025

Location: Room 5215

## **Attendees:**

### Present:

Adam Bushcott  
Jennie Broecker  
Eric Giefer  
Sachin Gupte  
Jenner McLeod  
Emily Lau  
Andrew Norman  
Bonnie Shucha  
Scout Slava-Ross  
Associate Dean and CAO Rebecca Scheller (ex officio)  
Dean Dan Tokaji (ex officio)

### Absent:

Rachel Burg  
Greg Wierchioch

## **Order of business:**

### Greeting and opening:

Meeting began at 11:03 a.m.

### Standing items:

- The Jan. 27 minutes were approved.
- HR/Finance Corner, Dean Scheller – This summer's Workday transition remains a primary focus.
- Dean's Corner, Dean Tokaji – Central campus is watching changes from Washington carefully for impacts to grants and the university overall. Dean Tokaji reinforced what he shared at the February Faculty and Staff Meeting: While the past few weeks have been

full of activity, some of it potentially disruptive, one thing that has not changed is our commitment to protecting the First Amendment rights and academic freedom of faculty and staff.

#### **Ongoing business:**

- CASI Coalition letter: A letter drafted by some leaders of other campus CASIs after a spring 2024 meeting was shared with the Law School CASI for review. The letter addresses hiring and staffing concerns at some schools/colleges. Upon review, Law CASI will not be signing on to the letter due to concerns about its tone, approach and content. Dean Tokaji underlined that if anyone has concerns at UW Law about Title and Total Compensation (TTC) or HR practices, they are encouraged to let him, Dean Scheller or Justin Boehm know.
- Priorities/Subcommittees: Two subcommittees have been formed to tackle work.
  - CASI 5-year review: Jennie Broecker will work with Emily Lau, Sachin Gupte and Bonnie Shucha to complete this exercise.
  - Bylaws: Eric Giefer will work with Andrew Norman and Jenner McLeod to consider adding language about CASI chair/s.
- Open seat: The dean has named Sachin Gupte to the open clinician academic seat. CASI welcomed Sachin as well as Emily Lau, who was able to attend her first meeting since being appointed last month.

#### **Next meetings and adjournment:**

The meeting ended at 11:48 a.m. The next meeting is at 11 a.m. Monday, March 10, 2025.