

Committee on Academic Staff Issues (CASI) meeting minutes for March 10, 2025

Location: Room 5215

Attendees:

Present:

Adam Bushcott
Jennie Broecker
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:

Eric Giefer
Rachel Burg
Greg Wierchioch

Order of business:

Greeting and opening:

Meeting began at 11:03 a.m.

Standing items:

- The Feb. 10 minutes were approved.
- HR/Finance Corner– Dean Scheller shared that she has learned there will be no Central Compensation Fund (CCF) for raises/bonuses at UW-Madison this year due to budgetary concerns; there has not been any official communication yet from central campus.

- Dean's Corner – Dean Tokaji said the budget picture remains uncertain at the state level as the biennial budget process begins and at the federal level as the new administration seeks to scale back on grants/spending, so as stated in the March faculty/staff meeting, he will be cautious about making any new commitments. He underlined that he will work to protect learning (our students) as well as our faculty/staff.

Ongoing business:

- CASI Coalition letter: It has still not been sent, but Law School is not signing on.
- Academic Staff Assembly: From Andrew Lokuta, "the bereavement leave resolution is ready for a full (ASA) vote today."
- Scheduling our meetings for next academic year: Tabling until May.
- Priorities/Subcommittees:
 - CASI 5-year review: Jennie Broecker, Sachin Gupte, Emily Lau and Bonnie Shucha drafted a document for input from the wider CASI and will seek input before the May meeting.
 - Bylaws: The subcommittee did not have a chance to meet in the past month yet.
- Workday transition: Planning and training are underway for the summer cutover; things seem to be going as well as possible for such a major change, though change will be hard for some users because change is inherently difficult.

Next meetings and adjournment:

The meeting ended at 11:43 a.m. The next meeting is at 11 a.m. Monday, May 5, 2025.