

UW Law School CASI Board Minutes

Date & Time: **Friday, October 9, 2020, 1:00 P.M., via Teams**

Minutes from last month's meeting were circulated- approved by Kim Peterson, second by Erin McBride. No discussion.

- introduction of CASI Board members
- Erin McBride- overview of CASI priorities- what we've done so far and what we're looking for in the future. Wellness activities/programs, diversity and inclusiveness programs for academic staff, parking priorities discussions and transparency. Focus on improving the climate for academic staff in the law school.
- Dean Tokaji- thoughts on CASI.
 - Very interested in how UW uses shared governance (academic background is in election/voting law and democracy). Each body of governance should be focused on policy so he really appreciates CASI's guidance about academic staff policy.
 - Also recognizes the importance of community building activities but most important to him is the guidance on policy from CASI.
 - He would like to come to more CASI meetings in the future and may have issues to bring to CASI for our advice/guidance. To begin with: he met with a group of students with disabilities and discussed their thoughts and so that's an example of an issue he might bring to CASI.
 - We can also bring his attention to items if we feel he's not aware of something- it's a 2 way street. Usually because the dean or the Law leadership team haven't done something, it's not because they don't care or aren't aware- it's that there are a lot of competing interests.
- Further discussion about things we might think about in regards to student and faculty/staff morale. (Ie, work/life balance, prioritizing taking breaks or vacation, how can we emphasize this for students and staff?)
- Chair reports
- Thank you to Gretchen for her years of service and teaching!

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