

Committee on Academic Staff Issues (CASI) meeting minutes for Jan. 27, 2025

Location: Room 5215

Attendees:

Present:

Adam Bushcott
Jennie Broecker
Eric Giefer
Jenner McLeod
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 11:05 a.m.

Standing items:

- The Dec. 9 minutes were approved.
- HR/Finance Corner – Dean Scheller is continuing to learn about the impact of 2025 Workday implementation and expects we'll see the training environment in March.
- Dean's Corner – Dean Tokaji shared that campus has a new vice provost for faculty and staff affairs, Kent Weigel, who is examining University rules and policies concerning faculty who are not on the tenure track (e.g., clinical and teaching professors). Dean Tokaji solicited the committee's views on possible changes to FP&P and other policies pertaining to the status of those faculty.
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Ongoing business:

- December CASI all-meeting update, Jennie Broecker:
 - The letter coming out of last spring's meeting still has not been finalized but is expected soon; the meeting conversation on the letter focused mostly on who should receive it.
 - The Secretary of the Academic Staff Assembly reminded folks that CASIs should follow a 5-year review process ([template](#)), so this spring will be a good time for our CASI to do this.
- Bereavement time off ([proposal in ASA](#)): Eric Giefer shared that the effort stems from a goal to be more flexible and inclusive and to reflect policies in line with our Big 10 peers.
- Open seats:
 - Emily Lau has been named to the open nonclinician academic staff seat and will join upcoming meetings.
 - The dean expects to name someone to the open clinician academic seat by the February meeting.
- 2025-26 CASI meeting schedule: The goal is to set next academic year's schedule as early as possible and with regularity in time/day each month as people's calendars fill up quickly. The plan is to do so in March or April after next year's class schedule is set. One idea to consider is having meetings at noon to avoid a class overlap.

Next meetings and adjournment:

The meeting ended at 12:00 p.m. The next meeting is at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 10, 2025.