

Committee on Academic Staff Issues (CASI) meeting minutes for Aug. 18, 2025

Via Teams

Attendees:

Present:

Rachel Burg
Adam Bushcott
Jennie Broecker
Eric Giefer
Adam Gratch
Sachin Gupte
Jenner McLeod
Emily Lau
Andrew Norman
Scout Slava-Ross
Greg Wiercioch
Associate Dean and CAO Rebecca Scheller (ex officio)

Absent:

Bonnie Shucha
Dean Dan Tokaji (ex officio)

Order of business:

Greeting and opening:

Meeting began at 11:05 a.m.

Jennie Broecker welcomed members elected to begin three-year terms in 2025-26: Lauren Restivo, Elizabeth Manriquez, Adam Gratch and Annie Haugen. She also thanked Bonnie Shucha, Jenner McLeod, Greg Wiercioch and Adam Bushcott for their service as they wrap up their terms.

Business items:

- **Standing item:** The July 21 minutes were approved.
- **Dean's Corner:** No items.
- **HR Corner:** Associate Dean and CAO Rebecca Scheller said staff should see the request in Workday to approve their 3 percent pay plan raises. She added that folks should expect more growing pains with Workday because financial transactions take longer due to the new approval needed by central campus.
- **Looking ahead to 2025-26:** Meetings are set for the third Monday of the month at 11 a.m., with some in person and others remote due to exams or class breaks. Also, a reminder that in September we will need to choose our leadership so self-nominations are encouraged and welcomed.
- **Budget / federal updates:** Dean Scheller shared that financial aid for law students is being affected by national legislation passed in July. Looking ahead, Scheller said it's unclear if there will be additional cuts to university funding but acknowledged that it's entirely possible.
- **Priority areas and subcommittees:** A reminder that CASI plans to resume conversations in the following areas for the upcoming academic year:
 - Clinical subcommittee: This was suspended in spring due to member availability and a departure but could be up for a restart this fall. One of the items that came out of this group that had already been discussed was recognition, and we thought the Dean's remarks at the first faculty meeting last year about clinical scholarship were well received.
 - Outreach: CASI may consider forming a subcommittee because it's one of our priorities listed in the 5-year review. Members held office hours in August and may consider doing so again; other ideas also could be considered, including a feedback form.
 - Wellness: Since there is no longer a staff wellness committee for the Law School, CASI has been tasked to keep wellness on its radar so if there are needs or concerns, CASI can address as a subcommittee or as needed.
 - Retirement recognition: Leadership is interested in finding a consistent way to recognize people annually since CASI raised this issue in the past year. This could involve the holiday party, so CASI can continue to give feedback and/or support this.
- **Workday changes:** Adam Buschott reinforced that reimbursements should be submitted as soon as possible, with special attention paid to deadlines, due to the longer approval process and less flexibility.

Next meetings and adjournment:

The meeting ended at 11:57 a.m. The next meeting is at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 15, 2025.