

# Committee on Academic Staff Issues (CASI) meeting DRAFT minutes for Sept. 15, 2025

Room 5215

## **Attendees:**

### Present:

Jennie Broecker  
Rachel Burg  
Eric Giefer  
Adam Gratch  
Sachin Gupte  
Annie Haugen  
Elizabeth Manriquez  
Andrew Norman  
Scout Slava-Ross

Associate Dean and CAO Rebecca Scheller (ex officio)  
Dean Dan Tokaji (ex officio)

### Absent:

Emily Lau  
Lauren Restivo

## **Order of business:**

### Greeting and opening:

Meeting began at 11:05 a.m.

### Business items:

- **Standing item:** The Aug. 18 minutes were approved.
- **Dean's Corner:** Dean Dan Tokaji offered his brief recap of this summer's budget reductions and shared that UW Law leadership is working with central campus regarding

concerns/exemptions tied to teaching credit-load requirements expected to start in the 2026-27 academic year.

- **HR Corner:** Associate Dean and CAO Rebecca Scheller said central campus is working to relieve the painful backlog of expense reports since the July implementation of Workday. She also noted that employees should have seen their pay-plan raises, with back pay, reflected in their Sept. 4 paychecks.
- **CASI leadership for 2025-26:** Eric Giefer has stepped down as co-chair of CASI after two years; he will continue to serve his regular CASI term. Jennie Broecker was elected chair for 2025-26 and will meet with two members interested in helping, Adam Gratch and Annie Haugen, so they can learn more.
- **Priority areas and subcommittees:**
  - Outreach subcommittee: Eric Giefer, Sachin Gupta, Annie Haugen, Scout Slava-Ross expressed interest; Jennie will reach out to Emily Lau, who was absent, since she has shared great ideas in this area in the past.
  - Clinical subcommittee: This was suspended in spring due to member availability. Current members thought it would be best to reflect clinician concerns more through CASI overall and use the Outreach subcommittee to make sure concerns are heard, since they can vary from year to year and are frequently similar to other staff.
  - Wellness: No action needed. Will revisit as needed.
  - Retirement recognition: Interest is strong in using the holiday party as a consistent but not new event to honor folks so CASI will reach out to Associate Dean Jini Jasti to seek her ideas. Rebecca also noted the goal of marking milestone anniversary years using Workday data, perhaps at the beginning of each school year at the faculty and staff meeting.
- **Strategic plan:** The dean is working with the Office for Strategic Counseling on a process to get input and a plan in place starting for 2026-27 as we are in the final year of our current five-year strategic plan.

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

The meeting ended at 12:00 p.m. The next meeting is at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 20, 2025.