

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Tom Krueger, Convener  
Joint Legislative and Regents Relations Committee

FROM: Joe Gow  
Chancellor

DATE: September 12, 2007

RE: Committee Charge for 2007-08

Thank you to the committee members for their willingness to serve on the Joint Legislative and Regents Relations Committee for 2007-08. Following consultation with others, I am delighted to give the following charge:

1. Monitor information and communication from state and federal legislators, UW System, and other state agencies relevant to our campus.
2. Meet with area legislators each semester to discuss current issues and concerns and plan an open forum on campus with area legislators, preferably early in the spring semester.
3. Meet during the spring semester with Congressman Ron Kind to discuss federal issues; schedule or sponsor an open forum on campus with him.
4. Review and discuss various legislative and executive policy proposals that are relevant to this campus and its various constituencies.
5. Meet with local Regent Brent Smith during the fall semester to discuss current issues and concerns. In addition, maintain open communication throughout the academic year with Regents Bartell and Salas. Assist the chancellor's office in visit coordination for the three regents.
6. Increase communications with various governance groups on campus on issues of concern and, by doing so, increase awareness of current issues and participation in the political processes that affect the UW System.
7. Encourage student, faculty and staff participation in the fall 2007 state and local elections. Plan group visits and forums for candidates for state and local offices.
8. Participate in various political events, either on- or off-campus, that would increase UW-L visibility and political influence.

9. Do what is necessary to promote long-term positive relationships with area politicians, legislators, and executives at the federal, state, and local levels.

As in the past, recommendations of the Joint Committee should be forwarded directly to my office. Throughout the process I expect individual committee members to consult with their respective governance groups for input and agreement on issues. If we determine that a particular committee recommendation requires further deliberation and comment, we may elect to forward it to one or more of the three governance groups for further analysis and recommendation. Certainly, I encourage you to consult with Dr. Joe Heim, on any and all legislative and Regent issues.

Please submit your recommendations and/or year-end report to me not later than April 21, 2008. Also, in an effort to keep the campus updated on your work, we are delighted to post any meeting minutes you email to Nancy Sedbrook to our website.

Best wishes on your committee's work over the course of the coming year.

cc: Carmen Wilson, Faculty Senate  
Will Van Roosenbeek, Academic Staff Council  
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Fred Ludwig, Student Association  
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