The meeting was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:06 p.m. in Schofield 202.

1. Minutes of February 15, 2000 were approved as distributed

2. Open Forum Issues
   • As faculty representative, Chair Harrison has been asked for nominees for Board of Directors for University Insurance Association
     • Administer term life insurance program for unclassified employees
     • Nine members of current board represent UW-Madison (4), UW-Superior, UW-Parkside, UW-Stout, UW-Oshkosh, and UW-Milwaukee
     • Provost has contacted one possible nominee; Chair Harrison to contact two others suggested by committee
     • Will forward names if those contacted willing to serve
   • Frank Goldberg, Associate Vice President for Policy Analysis and Research for UW-System, solicited assistance from faculty representatives at last meeting in Madison
     • Accountability Review Task Force charged with proving quality of UW-System
     • To use distributed UCLA Faculty Survey for assessing various Indicators
       • Requested faculty representatives to look over and determine if should throw out any of those questions to increase response rate
       • Data to be anonymous, not even compiled campus by campus
       • Using this instrument because nationally-established norms
         • Should not change questions because invalidates norms
   • Comments and responses to questions
     • Reporting in aggregate washes out meaning for campuses
     • Task Force came up with goals, then indicators to measure attainment of goals
     • Task Force created by regents and legislature in part as response to reported decreased engagement of freshman class from 15 years ago
     • System has no intention to publicize data
     • Chancellors would be interested in seeing for individual campuses

3. Tentative agenda for March 14, 2000 meeting of University Senate
   • College of Arts & Sciences senators to determine whether to fill vacancy on Executive Committee
   • Distance Education to be discussed
     • To facilitate discussion will contact groups reviewing proposed system policies for list of issues discussed
       • Academic Policies Committee
       • Ad Hoc Technology Committee
       • Instructional Technology Advisory Council
       • Student Senate Instructional Technology Commission
   • Agenda approved by consensus as proposed
Tentative agenda for March 28, 2000 meeting of University Senate

- Advising as discussion topic moved to April 11 so key players able to attend
  - Will alert Faculty Personnel Committee and Advising Office
- Informational discussion of proposed and suggested plans for first two weeks of fall semester contract moved to May 9th
- Presentation of recruitment packet, including fringe benefits, also slated for May 9th senate meeting
- Where additional money from state budget will go discussion topic for March 28th meeting
- Agenda approved by consensus as amended
- Chancellor wishes to add topic
  - Clarify information distributed at last Senate meeting
  - Gathering information on compensation data various compensation committees had and when received
  - Will bring up in remarks when find out
  - Also information in Chair's Report

4. Discussion of electronic university-wide elections
   - Question of need to take constitution literally when specifies "mailbox ballots"
   - Senior computer science students' proposal for timetable distributed
   - Procedure to be piloted in Executive Committee this semester
   - Piloted in University Senate elections next fall
   - Need to verify
     - Accuracy
     - Security
   - Brings back problem of running spring mailbox ballot in those elections with vacancies in both specific areas and in any area

MOVED by Senator MacBriar and SECONDED to use same procedure as last spring elections where nominees for specific areas were repeated in the any area election with people elected from specific areas eliminated from consideration in the any area election

Motion PASSED unanimously

5. Discussion of membership on ad hoc joint committee of faculty and academic staff personnel committees to study academic staff with faculty status personnel rights
   - Suggested members from Academic Staff Personnel Committee
     - Mary Ellen Alea, English Department
     - Janet Quarderer, Management Information Systems
     - Margaret Hallatt, Housing
   - Suggested members from Faculty Personnel Committee
     - Gloria Fennell, Social Work
     - Michael Wick, Computer Science
   - Additional Suggestions from Faculty Personnel Committee
     - Susan Harrison, Senate Chair
     - Jan Morse, Administrative Officer of Academic Affairs

MOVED by Senator MacBriar and SECONDED to accept committee suggestions for membership of ad hoc joint committee on personnel rights of academic staff with faculty status

Motion PASSED unanimously

6. Discussion of Institution Ethics Committee
   - UW-Eau Claire handbook lists Institution Ethics Committee with membership and functions
   - UW-System policy dictates each campus have an Institution Ethics Committee or use existing committee structure for that purpose
   - No one can remember such committee existing on Eau Claire campus
- Have been various ethical issues resolved
  - Generally with Office of University Research where misconduct or conflict of interest in research or grant activity
- Ethical questions prompting discussion include
  - How nepotism policy (which applies to immediate family) applies to significant others or ex-significant others
  - Specific course materials written by faculty and required in their courses from which they generate profit
    - Materials not published and for sale elsewhere
- Consensus wise to use existing committees
  - Funnel questions through Affirmative Action Office to other committees
    - Central office with connections throughout campus
    - Experience with such issues
- Need to change Faculty and Academic Handbook to match reality
  - Part of personnel policies in Chapter 5 of handbook
  - Will refer to personnel committees to write language to this effect

7. New Business - None

8. Announcements
  - Next meeting April 4, 2000

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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