University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire  
University Senate Executive Committee  
Minutes from January 30, 2001  
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Present: Rodd Freitag, Andrea Gapko, Susan Harrison, Tim Leutwiler, Barbara MacBriar, Donald Mash, John Melrose, Cleo Powers, Ronald Satz, Kathie Schneider  

Absent: Margaret Hallatt, Tim Lane, Lori Rowlett, Nick Smiar, Todd Stephens, Jean Wilcox  

Guests: Margaret Cassidy, Sue Moore, Jan Morse, Kim Pierson, Connie Russell, Steve Tallant, Paul Thomas, Darwin Wittrock  

The meeting was called to order by Chair Harrison at 4:06 p.m. in Schofield 202.  

1. Without objection, minutes of December 5, 2000 and December 19, 2000 meetings approved as distributed  

2. Open Forum Issue  
   • Chancellor Mash comments concerning open discussion held in University Senate on January 23, 2001 in regard to Workload  
     • Appreciated opportunity to be part of discussion  
     • Listened intently to comments  
     • Reluctant to jump in to clarify or follow-up points raised by various speakers  
     • Will try to clarify couple comments made during discussion  
       • Extent building or not building graduate program is not case of trying to be more like Madison  
       • Important to do things necessary to build resource base in order to offer new programs  
         • Learned from experience in three states that money rarely becomes available before programs created  
         • Must demonstrate need and demand for program, show good work in that area, and then get resources to fund  
         • If waited for funding to create programs, would continue without those programs  
       • Concern that students more interested in careers than in liberal arts borne out by national survey  
       • Is challenge to engage students to begin to look at big picture  
       • Planning in-service discussion on liberal arts in August  
     • Open forums allow all to gain understanding of campus climate, morale, and issues  
     • Provost regrets possibility for misunderstanding from comments made in open discussion  
       • Especially comment regarding additional graduate students in Department of Communication Disorders  
       • Apparently discussion of, “What would your department need to increase number of graduate students?” interpreted by some as request to increase graduate enrollment without increase in resources  

3. Discussion of Dual Degrees  
   • Discussion to center on whether or not shared governance process needs to be involved in decisions regarding several dual degree programs being developed  
     • Not looking at specific programs, but level of faculty governance required due to curricular nature of these programs  
     • Provost confirmed no decision reached on any of these programs  
     • Request came from College of Arts & Sciences to develop dual degree programs with University of Wisconsin-Madison and University of Minnesota  
     • Nothing formal to share at this time  
     • Particular dual degree program drafted by Department of Physics & Astronomy used as example to explain concept  
       • Physics majors at UW-Eau Claire would complete three years here  
       • Then attend University of Minnesota School of Engineering for two years  
       • Would graduate after five years with two separate degrees
- BS in physics from UW-Eau Claire
- Engineering degree from University of Minnesota
- More formal agreement than pre-engineering programs already in place
- Problem with finishing degree here and then completing masters in engineering elsewhere is necessity of completing lower level engineering courses prior to graduate study program
- Programs generally require an internship or project be completed and presented in talk at UW-Eau
- Biology Department also looking at dual degrees with Marshfield Labs
  - Involve 3 years + 1 year programs in cytotechnology and medical technology
  - Would complete all basic requirements for degree at UW-Eau Claire in first three years; complete fourth year at Marshfield Lab
  - Similar to joint degrees in professional programs
  - Would attain BS degree in biology from UW-Eau Claire
  - Will look into accreditation of program in Marshfield
- Advantages of such programs listed as
  - Recruitment tool
  - Broadening program array
  - Great service to students
- Actual degree requirements for UW-Eau Claire would not be changed – not new programs
  - Involve contractual agreements between institutions signed at chancellor level
  - Programs should be reviewed at college level; no need to go through Academic Policies Committee or University Senate
- Questions of university-wide impact
  - Would appear regular college/school curriculum committee process sufficient, except in two areas
    1) Residency requirement for at least 23 of last 30 earned credits
      - According to Registrar Sue Moore, institution has latitude as to what residency can be
      - Without some sort of action, would not see last years of these type programs as resident credits
      - Certainly could define in that way for individual programs
    2) Accepting of transfer credits
  - Review of programs would be through regular university and accreditation processes when various departments up for review
  - These programs do not require approval through System
- Consensus of committee that because violates residency requirement by virtue of program, that portion should go through Academic Policies Committee and University Senate

4. Review of tentative agenda for February 13, 2001 meeting of University Senate
- No Executive Committee meeting scheduled for next week
- Consensus to approve tentative agenda as distributed with addition of motions passing through Senate committees by Tuesday, February 6th

5. Update on changes and vacancies in Senate and Senate committees
- Jeanine Rossow resigned from university leaving at-large academic staff senator position vacant
  - To be filled by university-wide election in spring
  - According to bylaws, vacancy can be filled temporarily by elections in University Senate
  - Question is whether to fill for such short duration
    - Senate make-up maintained at 45 faculty, 23 academic staff because academic staff representative remains on Senate even when Senate term expires
    - Don’t fill position for full term
      - University Senate not normal vehicle for filling this position – only temporary for vacancies
      - Keeps rotation of positions so all terms not expiring at once
      - Consensus was to fill position so can get another person involved in work of Senate and not to send message that unimportant to fill
  - For second semester, David Steel has class conflict with Academic Policies Committee meetings
  - Term on APC expires in 2003; could complete that term after this semester
• Is representative from College of Business – biggest concern is for communication channel for issues important to that college
• Could send other representative from college to attend meetings; even if could not vote, could represent views
• Consensus to send message to Dean Dock of College of Business confirming option of sending nonvoting representative and informing of lack of representation for spring semester

6. New Business - None

7. Announcements
• Two more meetings scheduled with candidates for dean of College of Professional Studies
  • Vice Chair Andrea Gapko to lead discussion in absence of Chair Harrison
• Board of Regent meeting on October 2001 will be held at UW-Eau Claire
  • No planning committee yet established
  • Will go through North Central Accreditation report

Meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m. without objection

Respectfully submitted by,

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