Present: Ken De Meuse, Rodd Freitag, Andrea Gapko, Susan Harrison, Robert Hooper, Rose Jadack, Tim Lane, Donald Mash, Jane Pederson, Ronald Satz, Kathie Schneider, Nick Smiar, Todd Stephens, Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Jean Wilcox

Absent: Cleo Powers

Guests: Andy Soll, Ted Wendt

The meeting was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:02 p.m. in Schofield 202

1. Without objection, minutes of September 4, 2001 approved as distributed

2. Open Forum Items
   - Apparently idea of decoupling academic staff from faculty for pay plan purposes dead
     - Some now saying it was never proposed, but clearly was
     - Hope issue does not resurface
   - By consensus, Chair Harrison to refer faculty member request for statement on ethical use of blind carbon copy email during personnel evaluations to Faculty Personnel Committee

3. Review of tentative agenda for September 25, 2001 meeting of University Senate
   - Motion from Academic Policies Committee on credit toward foreign language/foreign culture requirement of partial semester study abroad programs not urgent; can wait until next scheduled meeting
   - Consensus to cancel University Senate meeting of September 25, 2001
     - Committee reports and timely information from Academic Staff Representatives meeting in Madison this week will go out via email to senators

4. Develop and prioritize list of issues to be considered this year by Executive Committee
   - Possible items for consideration
     - Request from UW-Milwaukee for resolution on Marder case
     - Consideration of policy requiring appointees labeled faculty and/or academic staff representatives to various system-wide committees go through shared governance
     - Consultation with Chancellor on Criteria for Faculty Performance will be put on upcoming agenda
   - Pending Senate issues
     - Mission statement amendments and suggestions from May Senate meeting will be taken back to University Planning Committee by Chancellor Mash
       - Revised document will come back before Senate
     - Service-Learning for Veterans
       - Provost Satz is reconstituting Service-Learning Advisory Committee with revised membership and charge
       - Recommendations from that committee will eventually go through Academic Policies Committee
       - This item can be considered at same time
     - Nepotism
       - Revised changes apparently still at system legal counsel; Chair Harrison will check
     - Institutional Ethics Committee
       - Up to Executive Committee to put back on Senate agenda if desired
     - Recognition of faculty/staff groups
       - Vice Chancellor Soll to bring proposed administration procedures to next Executive Committee meeting
     - Salary Recommendation Timing
       - Academic Staff Personnel Committee will take up issue at next meeting
• Other issues
  • Structure of committees and representation on Senate
  • Use of written comments in all types of personnel evaluations

5. Determine Senate Open Discussion Topics and dates for 2001-2002
• Suggested topics
  • Degree simplification
    • Academic Policies Committee to begin work on this issue
    • Could host discussion upon first reading of motion that committee brings to Senate
  • Shared governance process and structure – how to meet needs
  • Interdisciplinary initiatives as part of liberal arts education – ways to make work
    • Frustrations real; however, may be something to deal with at academic retreat
    • Also topic for deans meeting tomorrow – encouraging interdisciplinary programs during Winterim
• Need to reduce number of topics to get Senate business done
  • Could use fifth Tuesdays of month for open discussions
  • Plan first one on shared governance process and structure for Tuesday, October 30th

6. Discussion of information needed for Executive Committee consultations
• Many times get names and little else at meeting to digest and consult during course of few minutes
• Should there be criteria for consultation so possible for committee to think through issues
• Bring consistency to consultations

MOVED by Senator Gapko and seconded that requests for consultation for appointments to committees must include committee structure, function, and current membership (to be distributed with the meeting agenda); that names and affiliations of proposed appointees be provided at the meeting; and that the person requesting consultation be present in closed session to provide further information as necessary

Discussion
• For cases where required to get committee consultation
• Discussion about individuals confidential, names are not
  • Having names in advance helpful if don’t know people well
  • Knowing names will be sent out may decrease number of people willing to be considered for various committees
  • Having more names than vacancies also helpful; this sometimes hard to do
  • Requiring too much information, such as rationale for nomination, might also discourage people from coming forward

Motion PASSED without dissention

7. Discussion of college and school representation on and make-up of University Senate Committees
• Revisit issue if necessary after open discussion in October

8. Miscellaneous business
• Member elected to University Committee in spring elections now less than 50% appointment at university
  • Should person be eligible to maintain committee membership?
  • Appointment could change for next semester
  • Case not covered in constitution
• Consensus of committee to thank person for willingness to serve, but replace on committee, and look at constitution to require eligibility to vote for membership on university-wide committees

9. Announcements – None

10. Moved and seconded at 4:28 p.m. that the committee go into closed session under Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(f) to consider appointments to the University Planning Committee
Motion PASSED unanimously by affirmative votes from following members: Susan Harrison, Ken De Meuse, Ronald Satz, Andrea Gapko, Jean Wilcox, Todd Stephens, Katherine Schneider, Tim Lane, Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Robert Hooper, Rose Jadack, Rodd Freitag, Jane Pederson, Nick Smiar

Chancellor Mash present to hear comments of committee on proposed appointments to University Planning Committee

Meeting adjourned from closed session at 4:44 p.m. without objection

Wanda Schulner
Secretary to the University Senate