Present: Ken De Meuse, Rodd Freitag, Andrea Gapko, Susan Harrison, Rose Jadack, Donald Mash, Cleo Powers, Ronald Satz, Todd Stephens, Nick Smiar, Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Jean Wilcox

Absent: Robert Hooper, Tim Lane, Jane Pederson, Kathie Schneider

Guests: Andrew Soll, Ted Wendt

The meeting was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:05 p.m. in Schofield 202

1. Without objection, minutes of May 7, 2002 approved as distributed

2. Open Forum – No items brought forward

3. Discussion of order of business for 39th Session of University Senate
   - Senator indicated written committee chairs’ reports at end of last year during general education discussion saved time for important discussion
   - Perhaps should require written reports from committees to be put on website or in chair’s report
   - Continues to be important for senators to get sense of discussion that has taken place in committees
   - Can bring up important information and indicate whether specific items have been discussed
   - Committee reports used to be at end of meeting, but people sometimes left before they occurred; therefore, they were moved up on agenda
   - Could request chairs be brief
   - Does not seem to take more than five or six minutes anyway; often no report from some committees
   - Now shortest part of meeting
   - Consensus reached to move Unfinished Business before Committee Reports; rest of order remains the same

4. Review of tentative agenda for September 10, 2002 meeting of University Senate
   - Will be governance workshop with both university-wide and Senate elections
   - For first time in Senate elections, instead of trouble filling slots for professional schools, are having difficulty finding senators from Arts & Sciences to run for committee vacancies
   - May need to suspend rules in many cases because bylaws require more nominees than vacancies
     - Can also be nominations from floor
     - Some nominees running for several committee vacancies may withdraw as they are voted to various committees; as elections progress may get into position of not having enough nominees to even fill vacancies

5. Potential Senate Open Discussion Topics for 2002-2003
   - Two open discussion dates this academic year
     - October 29, 2002
     - April 29, 2003
   - Chat with Chancellor of last year well received by those responding to Senate survey
   - By April 29th may know something about budget process, may be hot topic at that time
   - Will ask for suggestions in Senate and will set topic for October discussion within few weeks

6. Social Committee Recommendation
   - Motion passed at opening Faculty and Academic Staff meeting charged Executive Committee with starting process of changing constitution to disband Social Committee

MOVED by Nick Smiar and seconded that
   1) the Social Committee be inactive for the 2002-2003 academic year;
2) no new members be appointed or elected to the Social Committee;
3) no dues be collected for the Committee;
4) the money currently in the Social Committee account be transferred to the UWEC Foundation; and
5) the Social Committee be disbanded and references to the Social Committee be eliminated from the University Faculty and University Academic Staff Constitution.

- Question raised whether individual departments and units are indeed covering memorials and some other aspects of Social Committee role
  - Many departments and some colleges are
- Response of Social Committee was sometimes inconsistent because depended upon notification from departments/units
- Are discretionary accounts set up for most departments and units and also at deans’ level
- No disadvantages to disbanding committee have come forward, except perhaps the signal being sent
- Will notify Social Committee members of Senate meeting when item will be discussed so they may be present
- Percentage of faculty and staff contributing to social funds was appallingly low
  - That in part led to demise
  - Never enough funds from dues to cover expenses of receptions; Foundation has been stepping in for years

Motion PASSED by vote of 11-0. Will be placed on agenda for one of next Senate meetings

7. Consultation with Provost/Vice Chancellor on
   a) Request of Criminal Justice Program faculty
      - Only two faculty members in this program; one tenured, one tenure-track
      - Have requested to be moved to Department of Political Science
        - Move endorsed by both departments involved and dean
        - Waiting for formal decision until consulting with this committee
        - No name change in either department; no need for APC to be involved
      - Discussion
        - Questions related to curriculum, budget, and facilities discussed in College of Arts & Sciences
        - Similar to what occurred when Music Therapy faculty moved from Department of Music and Theatre Arts to Allied Health
        - Sociology Department able to stand alone
          - Smaller than two years ago, but new chair believes that allows focus on their discipline
          - Members of Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee support this action and consider Political Science a hospitable home; also has support of faculty in Sociology
          - Most courses move easily; only two courses normally found in Sociology also address major issues in Criminal Justice – in process of trying to make accommodations for those two courses
          - Same issues as many other interdisciplinary courses face
          - New proposal from Political Science to create prefix CRMJ in works for interdisciplinary courses not traditionally in Political Science
            - That proposal will move through APC and Senate
            - Immediate action needed on personnel changes – in best interest if happens relatively soon
            - Question raised as to what is driving force behind move of faculty out of Sociology – first Anthropology went to Geography and now Criminal Justice also wanting out
            - Both models – Criminal Justice in Sociology or in Political Science – used all over country; perhaps with Sociology more prevalent, but both around
            - Benefits to both departments – new Sociology chair interested in building a regional or nationally-known department
            - Will have no negative effects on students; seen as more hospitable, more logical at this point
   b) Administrative Intern Position in Academic Affairs
      - Position previously held by Jan Larson of Communication and Journalism
      - Idea developed to create internship as an opportunity to become involved in administrative life and experience
      - Draft memo to campus community distributed for comment
      - Look at as ‘grow-your-own’ program
• 75% academic year position in Academic Affairs (to teach one course in home department) with an administrative position during summer
• To create publications, sit on various committees, write grant proposals, etc.; is opportunity to create own position
• Announcing opening for spring semester – idea is to have time to hire replacement in department
• Experience can be taken back to unit/department
• Will be ongoing annual program – allows for reappointment once, but hope is for rotation
• Home department will not be out funds
  • Can sometimes hire full-time academic staff with 75% of position dollars
  • Funds must be used to cover courses, not for other department needs; don’t want to create more course availability problems
• No teaching position cuts involved – this uses available administrative position
  • At some point in time, may be opportunity to test flexibility DOA said they gave us
• Must be tenure-track so not a problem of tenure clock interruption
• Did not specify indefinite appointment for academic staff applicants because would prohibit many from applying (many academic staff have continuing appointments without indefinite status)

8. Miscellaneous Business
• Senate brochure to be distributed to entire campus shortly – will add expiration dates of senator terms
• Shared Governance Discussion Group met during summer – Jean Wilcox (Academic Staff Representative), Andrea Gapko (Senate Vice Chair), Susan Harrison (Senate Chair and Faculty Representative), Andrew Soll, Ronald Satz, and Donald Mash
• Looking at areas of Faculty and Academic Staff Handbook that need updating
  • Comments and concerns have come from various people – Janice Morse, Barbara Stevens, Steve Tallant, deans, and members of governance group
  • Small committee to look at what needs to be done being formed
  • Items will go through governance as necessary
  • Hopeful of getting some items to chairs of various committees to jumpstart their work
• Meetings replace individual meetings that used to occur between Susan Harrison, Chancellor, and Provost
• Improves communication; to continue meeting twice each month

9. Announcements
• Clearwater Bowl Festival to take place Saturday
• Had good start with freshmen on campus over weekend
• AAUP Magazine contains some recent articles that might be useful

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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Secretary to the University Senate