A special meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Harrison at 8:03 a.m., Monday, May 12, 2003 in the Alumni Room of Davies Center.

1. Consultation with Provost Satz on Reassignment of Administrative Duties within Academic Affairs
   - As part of budget process, have been looking at how to reorganize administrative duties at university
     - Currently Associate Vice Chancellor Steve Tallant administers graduate studies and chairs Graduate Council; Barb Nelson, program assistant in Academic Affairs, assists
     - Cheryl Barrows, program assistant in College of Professional Studies, continues to spend majority of time working on graduate studies program
   - Proposed changes include:
     - Reassigning graduate studies duties to Dean Mark Clark, adding working title of University Dean of Graduate Studies
     - Dean Clark has extensive experience in graduate studies
     - To report to Provost
     - To remain two separate jobs – with physically separate offices
     - Cheryl Barrows to continue working in graduate studies and also attend Graduate Council meetings
     - Other changes to position description of Steve Tallant, in addition to eliminating graduate studies responsibilities
       - Add responsibility for First Year Experience program
       - Delete monitoring progress toward meeting diversity goals of Plan 2008; those duties reassigned to new Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Development and Diversity
       - Leaves this Associate Vice Chancellor position geared toward undergraduate education
   - Responses to comments from committee members
     - College of Professional Studies able to get along with part-time dean because of difference in structure of schools in that college
       - Allows for different kind of supervision because of position descriptions of associate deans
       - Also no longer any interim associate deans
       - Dean Clark comfortable with this addition; also to work closely with Continuing Education just across the street
     - Impetus to decentralize graduate studies in 1994-95 basically Board of Regents mandate resulting from decisions by legislature bent on eliminating dean positions
       - Now trying to correct mistakes driven by politics
     - Admissions to stay involved in initial processing of graduate students
     - Number of students in graduate programs decreasing over past few years; hoping to reverse that
       - Will emphasize providing strong support for continuing programs to strengthen them and to look at all programs
       - Community and businesses looking at intentions here since have not seen strong support for graduate programs in recent years
     - For next year at least, first year experience director to remain on campus – to report to Associate Vice Chancellor Tallant
Important to note changes also made out of concern for how thinly spread Associate Vice Chancellor Tallant remains

Advantages of recentralizing graduate education seen as
- Giving Associate Vice Chancellor Tallant time to focus on undergraduate education
- Giving Barb Hanson time to get contracts out
- Allowing Cheryl Barrows to use expertise in area of graduate education
- Makes clearer to students where to go for information

2. Miscellaneous Business
- Will run two elections in Senate in fall to fill positions on Academic Policies Committee because one senator unavailable for meetings in fall semester due to schedule conflict
- Allows someone to run for short term to get taste of committee without large commitment
- Understand Provost’s need to consult with all players prior to consultation with Executive Committee, but regret vagueness of agenda item on pink sheet and lack of prior knowledge to allow for informed consultation
  - Somewhat different situation that could not be helped
  - Chancellor Mash gave committee heads-up on issues that may arise soon
  - Sabbaticals have been brought up by Representative Wood from Chippewa as way to save university system millions
  - Rep. Wood also looking to Foundation to help fund some of new financial aid
  - Legislators don’t seem to be getting message to look elsewhere for additional cuts; UW-System taking disproportionate reduction for second time
  - Would also like legislature to allow System to decide how to manage own cuts
  - Rep. Kreibich apparently looking at nonresident tuition; however, starting to price ourselves out of market there

3. Announcements
- If not checking UW-Eau Claire email over summer, please let Senate Office know where to reach you
- Board of Regents looking at rethinking university of future
  - Chancellor may use paper from mid-1980s about what Eau Claire might look like in 2000 as basis for discussion at meetings this summer prior to attending regents meeting
  - System may have to give a little on making tech school credits automatically transfer to university system; no fear on part of System that vocational courses will transfer, do not think it will be a problem

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 a.m.

Wanda Schulner
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