The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:04 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21, 2003 in Schofield Hall, Room 202.

1. Minutes of October 7, 2003 approved as distributed

2. Open Forum
   - Nino Amato, an outspoken regent, subject of much speculation including editorial in Capital Times
     - Regent Amato was critical of teleconference to raise executive salary ranges
     - Has been some talk of threats of him being ousted by “friends of Doyle” from both Board of Regents and Wisconsin Technical College Board; issue has taken on life of its own
     - Board of Regents just needs to get relationship with system worked out so can communicate without causing PR problems for board and system
   - Board of Regents recommended pay plan not accepted by Office of State Employee Relations
     - Office has forwarded 0%/1% plan with three-tiered health care premiums to JCOER
     - Indicated that is all compensation reserve can afford
     - Senior executives remain at 0%/0% although this can be revisited at any time
   - System is putting together advisory task force on transfer of courses between technical college system and university system
     - Looking at liberal arts based and general education type courses
     - Apparently to be formed this week and include members from key areas on various campuses, including people from curricular committees, registration, admissions, and governance

3. Review of tentative agenda for October 28, 2003 meeting of University Senate
   - Consensus to approve tentative agenda
     - With removal of Chancellor’s Remarks, as chancellor will be out of town
     - And inclusion of tentative item from Academic Policies Committee, which passed today

   - Only difference between Drafts #1 and #2 is additional day in Draft #1 at end of semester
     - Faculty contractual period starts August 22, 2005 with classes beginning after Labor Day
     - Would only be Friday before Labor Day possible for classes anyway
     - No Fall Break because calendar so tight
     - Finals wrap around commencement in both drafts in order to finish semester prior to Christmas break
     - In Draft #1, finals end on December 22nd; in Draft #2, they end on December 21st
     - Is weekend between Winterim and start of spring semester; helps for travel purposes
     - Fall semester study day before finals important because will not have weekend between end of classes and start of finals – finals will begin on either a Friday (Draft #1) or Thursday (Draft #2)
• Discussion
  • Excellent job by Administrative Officer Morse – best could come up with under circumstances
  • Big proponent of fall break, but willing to give it up to get out day earlier near holidays
  • Draft #1 a little more balanced between fall and spring semester, but only by one day
  • Difficulty with calendar is good illustration of how legislative micromanagement detrimental to education

MOVED by Vice Chair Gapko and seconded that Draft #2 be the Executive Committee recommendation (pending additional information from administration and students) forwarded to University Senate

Motion PASSED by vote of 13 for, 0 against

5. Review Senate Officer Discussion
  • Vote by full senate (18 for, 13 against) supported senate officers and faculty representative current elections processes
  • Academic Staff Personnel Committee planning to bring motion forward to change way academic staff rep elected (see handout distributed by ASPC Chair Wilcox)
    • Feel needs changing because
      • Eligible pool of academic staff, consisting of members of Academic Staff Personnel Committee, too small
      • Also small group, again members of Academic Staff Personnel Committee, electing rep
      • No University Senate experience required
      • Not elected by governance body
      • Responsibilities vague
    • In addition, felt perhaps reps sections should be moved to respective faculty and academic staff bylaws from senate bylaws
      • Except both reps represent shared governance on campus
    • Issue brought up now because people have asked if faculty positions have to be combined; if want to change system, now is the time before elections in April
    • Thought made most sense to have positions separate, with one person filling both not lost as option
    • Would suggest representatives be elected a year early for training
    • Consensus reached that anyone desiring to change current procedures bring formal motion forward to be distributed prior to Executive Committee meeting of November 4, 2003 or will proceed with current process
      • Chair Harrison to email all senators so they have chance to forward motion
    • Faculty and academic staff rep’s meeting agenda sometimes out in advance; others welcome to get information from current reps or system website

6. Miscellaneous Business – None

7. Announcements
  • Late Breaking News - JCOER has approved pay plan of 0%/1% with three-tiered health care premiums

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Wanda Schulner
Secretary to the University Senate