The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:04 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2003 in Schofield Hall, Room 202.

1. Minutes of October 21, 2003 approved as distributed

2. Open Forum
   - Resolution similar to one passed by Stevens Point Senate distributed with agenda
     - Might be time to make voice heard on matter of state support for university system
     - Resolution would be sent to system administration, regents, legislators, and governor
     - Rebuilding in final paragraph seems little strong – don’t feel system totally broken
       - Perhaps could use maintaining
     - Word rebuilding seems appropriate because connected to erosion of ‘Wisconsin Idea’ in earlier paragraph

MOVED by Vice Chair Gapko and seconded that the resolution on state support of the university system be placed on agenda of senate meeting of November 11, 2003.

Motion PASSED by vote of 12 for, 0 against

- Perhaps should consider either legislative liaison from University Senate or legislative liaison committee to deal with political issues that now seem to dominate
  - Most other campuses handle in this manner
    - At some faculty reps also legislative liaison
  - Others have senate committees
  - Mike Rindo, Executive Director of University Communications, current legislative liaison from UW-Eau Claire
    - Meets in Madison with public liaison group; chancellor also meets often with legislators
    - Monitors legislative action and legislative updates
    - Makes university positions on issues known to legislators; also done by chancellor and financial people
  - Another option would be for current liaison to attend senate meetings and/or give periodic reports
    - Would be good for wider campus community to know identity and role of liaison
  - Important to open and expand communication from larger number of people on campus
    - Such things as letters to editor or op/ed pieces
    - Some strong, clear letters; others sometimes confuse issues
      - Can’t control that; still good to get ideas out
  - Closer contact with senate would help update on what happening in Madison
    - Could also aid in coordination of letter-writing campaigns if necessary
3. Review of tentative agenda for November 11, 2003 meeting of University Senate
   - Consensus to approve tentative agenda with addition of university support resolution just passed
   - Economic summit report from Lisa Theo moved to November 25th meeting; also plan report from Mike Rindo at that time

4. Discussion of Possible Publication of Summary Evaluation Statement for Administrators
   - Over last four years, have had numerous questions about when campus would see results of administrator evaluations
   - Even comments that will not fill out next survey because no one paid attention to last ones
   - Issues seem to be
     - Not getting any feedback
     - Inconsistency in policy of releasing information at different evaluation levels
       - Reviews of administrators go only to supervisors and in personnel files, which are confidential
       - Those of department chairs and director of libraries also distributed to members of department or area
     - Chancellor does give notification to campus community that review is complete
   - Changes in public records law closed performance records to public access – campus administration received copies of amendments
   - Jan Morse has forwarded policy to system legal department for opinion on evaluations, whether they are part of confidential employment records or part of public record
     - Sent whole survey and asked about entire survey and/or just final summary question
     - Should hear back in week or so; can then report back to Executive Committee
   - If comes back that not permissible to release, then would have to revise department chairs and director of library portion of handbook as not in compliance
   - Question brought up at all levels, not just for administrators
     - Chairs asking about inconsistency
     - Faculty saying everything else destroyed, why not student evaluations
   - Will continue discussion once know what can legally do – on agenda for next meeting

5. Miscellaneous Business – None

6. Announcements – None

Meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

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