The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:05 p.m. on Tuesday, September 21, 2004 in the President’s Room of Davies Center.

1. Minutes of September 7, 2004 approved as distributed

Welcome new members: Gloria Fennell, Robert Hollon, Steven Majstorovic, Scott Robertson, Linda Spaeth

2. Open Forum
- Federal financial aid allocations for University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire
  - Have heard UW-Eau Claire stands to lose substantial amount of Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants (SEOG), Perkins Loans, and particularly Federal Work Study Program dollars
  - Work study money used extensively on campus for student help in running foreign language labs, chemical stockroom, library, etc.
  - Is that true?
  - If that is the case, shouldn’t campus community be informed?
  - Andrew Soll, Vice Chancellor of Business and Student Services, indicated Congress considering reauthorization of these federal programs with debate to continue in January
  - Currently UW-Eau Claire receives more than fair share because entered into these programs early and established minimum baseline amount when funds split between fewer institutions
  - Formula used by Department of Education is based on relative need as determined by data from financial aid offices
    - Need driven by cost of school and resources of student’s family
  - Push is to go from minimum baseline to fair share distribution
    - If change made, UW-Eau Claire would face serious reduction
    - Current work study is $1,136,000; fair share would be $350,000
    - Perkins, revolving fund based partially on student payback of loans, would be reduced from $288,000 to $34,000
    - SEOG would be cut about in half; from $754,000 to $370,000
  - Biggest impact on campus would come from decreased work study funds
  - Reductions in other programs would be felt by individual students – would result in repackaging of student’s financial aid
  - Difficult to fight for three times fair share
  - Not a done deal yet – may be period to phase in new formula
    - Would expect base minimum language to be removed when Higher Education Act reauthorized
    - Conceivable change would occur in fiscal 2006, but probably in fiscal 2007
  - Over time could mitigate impact – would have some ability to plan and phase out
    - Could limit work study funding of auxiliary enterprises, such as housing
    - Significant amount used for community-based off-campus activities could be phased out
Perhaps should discuss issue with Budget Committee
Will be in report of Executive Committee to full senate
Will inform university community when funding reduction known

3. Review of tentative agenda for September 28, 2004 meeting of University Senate
Consensus to approve agenda as distributed

4. Discussion of Committee Membership changes based on structural reorganization
All changes discussed would be constitutional amendments requiring ratification by faculty and staff
For October 19, 2004 Executive Committee meeting, will have October frozen files
Can discuss overall senate and senate committee structure then
University General Education Committee (UGEC) membership needs change to reflect new campus structure
College of Arts and Sciences (A&S) chairs recommend reducing size of committee to decrease overall workload; also recommend A&S maintain clear majority on committee
Propose five faculty from A&S; one faculty each from other three colleges, and one student for a committee size of nine
  Gives A&S majority, but all others included
A&S has approximately 320 faculty to 60 in College of Education and Human Sciences (EHS), 50 in College of Business (BUS), and 40 in College of Nursing and Health Sciences (NHS)
  A&S teaches 70% of GE classes and 90% of GE credits
Proposals also discussed at UGEC meeting this morning
NHS willing to stay with one member, leaving committee essentially the same
Committee discussion
  Like decreased size with majority from College of Arts and Sciences
  Currently committee working very efficiently – few items come out with split votes
  NHS has no problem as long as promote development of courses and movement to GE Category V
  As long as get along fine, is no problem; need to prepare for moments of disagreement
    Seems A&S does need slight majority
  If looking at numbers, 10,000 students get only one vote
  But students not charged with determining curriculum
  Need to have discussion in areas other than A&S
  Proportionality could also apply other ways, such as production basis, number of courses, credits earned, GE credits by colleges, number of majors
  Have been complaints during past program reviews that faculty overworked because on too many committees
    Chairs in A&S would like to maximize utilization of resources and free up faculty for class availability, scholarship, and other important activities on campus
  Appreciate workload issue having just been on nominating committee looking to fill vacancies
  Not really a turf issue; some chairs even apologized for behavior in past debates
  Would like to take back to constituency for more discussion
  See as setting tone to look at rest of structure
  If relative balance isn’t broken, what are we trying to fix
  Would propose putting together broad, coherent package so full senate could see big plan instead of voting on each little bit

MOVED by Senator Spaeth and seconded that the following changes be made to the membership of the University General Education Committee

[Constitutional change passed for the addition of UGEC to the handbook, but not yet in handbook]
Article One: University Faculty, Section G
  6. University General Education Committee
a. Membership: The committee includes six faculty representatives from the College of Arts and Sciences, two faculty representatives from the College of Business, one faculty representative from the College of Education and Human Sciences, and one faculty representative from each of the three Schools of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences Professional Studies. These representatives will be chosen by existing shared governance processes established through the bylaws of the respective schools or colleges. One student, with at least junior standing, will be appointed by the Student Senate President in accordance with customary procedures. Faculty serve staggered three-year terms with approximately one-third of the representatives from each College being elected each year.

Discussion
- Senate committees will be discussed when look at senate structure
- Departments caught in middle of reorganization concerned about loss of voice – this symbolic of exactly what they were worried about
- UGEC concerned quorum would become only five members
- A&S not even half of 13-member committee suggested last meeting – didn’t seem right
  - Reason for 2 each for other colleges in that proposal was teaching staff numbers of 60/50/40 were similar – BUS had two members, seemed logical for other colleges
- Not based on production
- If working well, maybe should be left similar size
  - Too much, too big has been pervasive concern, but in past when attempted restructuring, couldn’t move beyond representation
  - Would be all for it if could accomplish tasks fairly and equitably and trust to less people

Vote on Motion: Motion PASSED by voice vote.

5. Miscellaneous Business
- If have notion committees are ineffective and over staffed, behooves us to act on that
  - If are redundancies, would appreciate bringing forth ideas for increasing production; working smarter and seeing big picture
- About seven or eight years ago, idea was to change senate; charged chair with looking at membership of 24, 40 or 60-70
  - After much debate and consideration, left membership at approximately 70
- Good to bring one committee forward – perhaps will start domino effect
- Already talking about collapsing Academic Staff Professional Development Committee into Professional Development Advisory Council
  - All sounds good in theory, devil is in the details
- Difficulty nominating committees have filling slates says something about size of committees
- Perhaps time is now favorable to get some of this done
- In some instances, limited nominees because colleges made prior determination of who would be on each committee; other cases involved late resignations

6. Announcements - None

7. MOVED by Senator Gapko and seconded at 4:28 p.m. that the committee go into closed session under Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c) to consult with Chancellor Mash on appointments to the University Planning Committee.

Motion PASSED unanimously by affirmative votes from following members: Robert Erffmeyer, Steve Tallant, Robert Hollon, Robert Hooper, Todd Stevens, Gloria Fennell, Andrea Gapko, Linda Spaeth, Scott Robertson, Steve Majstorovic, Connie Russell, Karen Welch, Rose Jadack, Jean Wilcox, and Susan Harrison

Kay Magadance and Andrew Soll invited to join committee in closed session.

Andrew Soll indicated University Bulletin will announce vacancy for male faculty athletic representative.
Kay Magadance, representing Chancellor Mash on University Planning Committee issue, present to hear comments on possible appointments; will relay thoughts to chancellor.

Meeting adjourned out of closed session at 4:37 p.m.

Wanda Schulner
Secretary of the University Senate