The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:03 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2005 in the Presidents Room of Davies Center.

1. Minutes of February 15, 2005 approved as distributed

2. Open Forum
   - Heard information germane to committee and senate conversations about senate membership at last Academic Staff Representatives meeting
     - If look at percentage of academic staff that are instructional, UW-Eau Claire largest (61%) in system
     - Therefore, also smallest percentage of administrative and professional academic staff
   - Other side is still decreased faculty positions – no reward for being leanest in system
   - Headcount and FTE for faculty and academic staff for both fall and spring semesters distributed
     - Determined from fall (2004) frozen files and spring (2005) voting lists; listed by department/unit
     - Spring counts remain stable as compared to fall counts
     - Flexibility comes in positions less than 50%
   - Number of instructional academic staff that are retired faculty estimated at less than ten
   - Seventy-two instructional academic staff without faculty status are ones represented by just two senators
   - Not so interested in numbers or proportional breakdown – question is role in mission of university
   - According to state statute, faculty have certain role, as do academic staff and students
   - Such handouts would be more meaningful if had them to read and digest in advance; could lead to more meaningful discussions

3. Review of tentative agenda for March 8, 2005 meeting of University Senate
   - Consensus to pick up where last senate meeting left off, holding first readings of all motions on February 22, 2005 agenda prior to second readings of motions previously discussed
   - No need for special report on governor’s budget recommendation – will allow any questions as part of chair’s report

4. Report on Response from University Senate Budget, Compensation, and Technology Committees; Discussion of Committee Membership
   - Responses from current members of Budget, Compensation and Technology Committees to survey on membership of those committees distributed for Executive Committee discussion
     - Survey covered administrative membership on committees and whether administrators should be voting or nonvoting members of senate committees
   - Concern about Compensation Committee – eight members, four faculty, four academic staff, plus administrators and representatives on UW-System Compensation and Fringe Benefits Committees
- Seems not always broad representation of faculty on committee – with one Associate Dean and only one college often represented
- Perhaps need committee of four or five faculty to look at that committee membership
- Technology Committee Membership

MOTION by Vice Chair Gapko that the **Chief Information Officer be a non-voting member of the Technology Committee** seconded and PASSED without dissention (12 for, 0 against)

**TEXT OF MOTION**

9. The University Senate Technology Committee
   a. Membership: The committee includes five University Faculty and two University Academic Staff senators elected by the University Senate for three-year terms. **The Chief Information Officer shall be a non-voting member of the Technology Committee.**

- Budget Committee Membership
  - Working group met last week; also consulted with current chair of committee
  - Suggest reducing size of committee from 15 to 11 while maintaining representation of various colleges
    - Important to have people from all areas; perhaps one from each college sufficient
    - Also looked at function – had some ideas but felt premature; larger discussion needed
    - Great deal of budget involvement reflected in current function – in reality simply determine budget reserve
    - Very different than other campuses

MOTION by Vice Chair Gapko that the **Budget Committee membership include seven senators, one from each college, one from the library, and two academic staff, an academic dean, and three ex-officio, non-voting members from the Administrative Staff selected by the Chancellor** seconded.

**Discussion**
- Current committee structure has served campus very well through budget crises of last few biennia
  - Came through better than any other campus
- Information on how much of budget goes to each area not included in discussion – perhaps not relevant

**AMENDMENT** by Senator Hooper to include **member elected from any area to replace one from the library** seconded.

**Discussion**
- Faculty from Library presumably included because of funding needs and area not represented in colleges
  - Prefer not to include representation from individual departments/units; would like to see committee look at issues from broad rather than narrow focus
  - Believe faculty and academic staff will vote to support library services
  - Less restrictive criteria allow those interested in various committees to seek membership
  - Library senator could be elected from any area or simply attend open meetings as he/she deems necessary
- Library member on other committees; seems library has strong interest in budget and should have a person on committee
- Seems lose **shared** governance when decrease administrative role on committees
- UW-Eau Claire unique in role of administrators on senate committees – on other campuses, administrators not members and/or do not vote
- Since chancellor has right to say no to senate actions, wise to include representatives in deliberations
- Shared governance not a term used in statute – there faculty governance used
  - Administrative role on committees has increased over time
  - Have own deliberations when actions forwarded to chancellor; can turn to administrative staff for advice
• Again, present committee structure has worked very well for last twenty years; hope would not change
• Spending lots of time and effort to protect from bad administration – taking lots of time to solve
  problems that don’t exist

Amendment PASSED by voice vote.

Motion PASSED by vote of 11 for, 1 against.

TEXT OF MOTION
6.  The Budget Committee
   a.  Membership: The committee includes three members of the Administrative Staff selected by the
       Chancellor, an academic dean elected by the colleges’ deans, the University Senate Chair, and
       ten seven senators elected by the University Senate for three year terms. Of the ten seven
       senators elected by the Senate, two one must be selected from the College of Arts and Sciences, one from
       the College of Business, one from each of the Schools in the College of Professional Studies, each
       College, one from the Library, two from the University Academic Staff, and one from any area. The
       committee also includes three ex-officio, non-voting members from the Administrative
       Staff selected by the Chancellor.

5.  Miscellaneous Business
   • According to Robert’s Rules of Order, chairs of committees not forced to vote, but may choose to
     • In body of whole, the chair does not vote except to break a tie
     • Abstentions are not listed unless specifically requested

Meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Wanda Schulner
Secretary of the University Senate