University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire
University Senate Executive Committee

Minutes from March 15, 2005
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Present: Gloria Fennell, Andrea Gapko, Susan Harrison, Robert Hollon, Robert Hooper, Rose Jadack, Vicki Lord Larson, Steven Majstorovic, Scott Robertson, Connie Russell, Ronald Satz, Linda Spaeth, Todd Stephens, Karen Welch

Absent: Robert Erffmeyer, Jean Wilcox

Guests: Donald Christian, Jan Morse, Katherine Rhoades, Andrew Soll

The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:05 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2005 in the Presidents Room of Davies Center.

1. Minutes of March 1, 2005 approved as distributed

2. Open Forum – No Items

3. Review of tentative agenda for March 29, 2005 meeting of University Senate
   - Agenda extremely long
     - Suggestion that Chair Harrison send an email to all senators requesting they come well prepared to senate meeting to allow efficient movement through agenda agreed upon by committee
   - Consensus to accept tentative agenda with change in order of business; salary plan to be first item under unfinished business

4. Miscellaneous Business
   - Interim Chancellor’s remarks regarding Board of Regent meeting last week in Madison
     - David Ward, co-chair of Joint Finance Committee, told regents in no uncertain terms that what currently seeing as budget for higher education probably all they can expect
     - Talked about Accountability Report
       - Overwhelmingly positive for UW-System in spite of fact that not all succeeded in all indicators
     - Passed budget rules to begin implementing allocations for first year of biennium
       - Budget cuts for Eau Claire to be about $3 million for biennium and about ten positions
         - Includes approximately $750,000 cuts in administration
         - Regents allocation deals only with money, not positions
         - Can cut any area except direct instruction; not limited to salaries
         - Also have to make one time cut of approximately $500,000
       - Chief business officers and provosts meeting to revamp budget rules for second year of biennium
     - In academics
       - Regents approved masters program in Women’s Studies/Gender Studies at Madison
       - Also approved collaborative doctorate in audiology by consortium of UW-Madison and UW-Stevens Point
         - Interesting precedent with possible spin-offs programatically
       - Approved buildings in Madison and Green Bay – in design stage, no dollars allocated
       - Until Secretary of Department of Administration approves budget reduction plan of UW-System, will not release position creation authority
       - Does not necessarily hold up 125 new instructional positions
     - Interim Chancellor Larson testified before Joint Finance Committee public hearings at Stout
       - Chancellors from Stout and River Falls talked predominantly about pay plan and buildings
• Interim Chancellor Larson talked about how investing in higher education is good for Wisconsin
  • Increasing number of baccalaureate degreed people with higher paying jobs increases tax base
    and revenue for state
  • Talked about nontraditional students
  • Also dollar to dollar commitment for financial aid for those students in two lowest economic
    quintiles
    • Feeling priced out of higher education starts as young as sixth grade – losing huge
      amount of human capital if take possibility of college off their radar screens
• Budget Planning Group – including Dave Gessner, Ronald Satz, Andrew Soll, and Stephanie Jamelske
  mapping out what budget reduction will look like
  • Will brief Budget Committee along that process
  • Deadline to submit report to Secretary of Department of Administration is May of 2006
  • Will need to be in place long before that as reductions will start July 1, 2005
  • Redbook to be out April 7, 2005
    • To be reopened several times during coming months to include changes
    • Published in October or November of 2005
• Chancellor’s Office received word during committee meeting that system requesting nominees for
  appointments to UW-Eau Claire Chancellor Search and Screen Committee by April 1, 2005
  • Committee to be composed of nine faculty, one of whom will be chair, two academic staff, two
    administrators, one from Eau Claire and one from across system, two students, and two
    community members
  • Campus to submit double those number of nominees with brief biographies; system to appoint
    committee members and chair
  • System plans to fast-track search – apparently hope to get committee in place this spring, get
    advertisements out and applications in over summer with screening to take place in fall semester
  • Consensus reached by committee to have interim chancellor, provost, and senate chair contact
    system this afternoon to move deadline to May 1, 2005 if possible
  • If answer is no, other possibility is to send out university-wide email to call for faculty and
    academic staff nominations, and hold elections at senate meeting of March 29, 2005
  • Lot of people off campus for spring break
  • Electronic balloting a possibility
  • Can’t believe system wants this image; probably willing to move date to accommodate
    governance process

Meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

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Secretary of the University Senate