Present: Judy Blackstone, Andrea Gapko, Susan Harrison, Robert Hollon, Robert Hooper, Rose Jadack, Vicki Lord Larson, Steven Majstorovic, Scott Robertson, Connie Russell, Linda Spaeth, Todd Stephens, Steven Tallant, Karen Welch, Michael Wick

Absent: Robert Erffmeyer, Gloria Fennell

Guests: Donald Christian, Christopher Lind, Janice Morse, Katherine Rhoades

The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2005 in the Presidents Room of Davies Center.

1. Minutes of May 17, 2005 approved as distributed

2. Open Forum
   • Mandated to hold event for Constitution Day
     • Will be panel discussion on Supreme Court in evening on September 20, 2005 with political scientists and historians participating – will modify because succession in court became more complicated with death of chief justice
     • Activity this year organized by Dean Christian and Political Science Department – next year, with more time, will put together committee to plan event
   • Chancellor Larson’s Comments and Announcements
     • Hurricane Katrina student transfers to be taken until September 23, 2005 – after that seems unrealistic students could catch up
     • Items at Board of Regents meeting this week to watch
       • Employment policies and practices
         • Backup appointments at issue – could be Catch 22 if looking at someone without academic credentials required for tenure coming to university
       • Online MBA consortium and Women’s Studies major to be considered – don’t anticipate any problem gaining approval
     • Continue to work on budget cuts; cannot take out $4.1 million in biennium and not have people hurt
     • Last new academic building on campus was constructed in 1982
       • Will work at process of getting new academic building where Brewer Hall stands
     • Will look at processes of change on campus as others seem to be jumping ahead of our university
       • Need to be more nimble, flexible, and capable of constructive change – can’t debate forever on issues
       • Would like to take objective/constructive look at process to tweak for more effectiveness and efficiency
     • Salary letters set to go out Friday after Board of Regents meeting

3. Discussion of Order of Business for 42nd Session of University Senate
   • Consensus reached to separate Senate Chair’s/Vice Chair’s Report and Faculty Representative’s Report since those responsibilities have been divided and to move Announcements before Unfinished Business
   • Will also limit debate on second readings to 30 minutes at which time continued debate would be postponed to end of meeting or next meeting
   • Discussed possibility of more complete documentation of discussion points and/or employing screen with bulleting points projected as discussion occurs to cut down on repetitive comments during debate
     • Will think about possibility if problems persist
• If committee chairs put key items discussed in committee reports, would be less need for same issues to be rehashed on floor

4. Review of tentative agenda for September 13, 2005 meeting of University Senate
   • Tentative agenda incorporating change of order of business accepted with possible reordering of committee elections dependent upon nominations process
   • Lack of nominees for committees, Academic Policies Committee in particular, may result in suspending rules to accept ballot as unanimous election of those nominated

5. Proposed topics for November Senate-Sponsored Open Discussion
   • Items mentioned on senate survey forms to be forwarded to committee chairs for consideration
   • Seems core of advising and related issues continues to come up
     • Although held discussion two or three years ago, need to get beyond talking and perhaps take next step of forming committee to evaluate and reward advising
   • Advising generally accepted as suitable topic for open discussion

6. Miscellaneous Business
   • Over summer Academic Staff Performance Review Senate Actions not accepted by System
     • Policy provides for items to come back to subcommittee of University Academic Staff members of Executive Committee and University Academic Staff Senators on Academic Staff Personnel Committee for consultation on those aspects of recommendation which are unacceptable
     • Meeting of that group to take place in two weeks after Executive Committee meeting
     • In meantime, Academic Staff Personnel Committee meeting to discuss issue
   • Concern is that performance reviews for academic staff with no-intent-to-rehire contracts looked too much like those academic staff intended for rehire – may cause problems down road
     • More generalized language suggested

7. Announcements
   • Will be open forum between all university employees and Chancellor Search and Screen Committee on September 7, 2005

8. MOVED and seconded at 3:35 p.m. that the committee go into closed session under Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c) to consult with Assistant Vice Chancellor Lind on appointments to: a) the University Research and Creative Activity Council; b) the Academic Affairs Professional Development Advisory Committee; and c) the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee.

Motion PASSED unanimously by affirmative votes from following members: Michael Wick, Robert Hooper, Rose Jadack, Todd Stephens, Robert Hollon, Judy Blackstone, Karen Welch, Steven Majstorovic, Andrea Gapko, Scott Robertson, Linda Spaeth, Connie Russell, Steven Tallant, and Susan Harrison.

Assistant Vice Chancellor Lind, invited to join committee in closed session, present to hear comments on possible appointments

Meeting adjourned out of closed session at 3:44 p.m.

Submitted by,

Wanda Schulner
Secretary of the University Senate