Present: Judy Blackstone, Gloria Fennell, Mitchell Freymiller, Andrea Gapko, Susan Harrison, Robert Hollon, Rose Jadack, Vicki Lord Larson, Jennifer Lee, Bruce Lo, Steve Majstorovic, Scott Robertson, Connie Russell, Steve Tallant, Michael Wick

Absent: Todd Stephens

Guests: Donald Christian, Jan Morse, 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, October 4, 2005 in the Eagle Room of Davies Center.

1. Minutes of September 20, 2005 approved as distributed

2. Open Forum
   - Interim Chancellor Larson indicated Chancellor’s Roundtable well attended
     - Presumably because students incorrectly thought $300,000 Alcohol Awareness Grant used to hire additional city police to bust house parties
     - Although there is no connection, did tell students I’m 100% behind city police in that endeavor
     - At Board of Regents meeting this week, new dismissal for cause policy will be presented by Interim Provost Tallant and Faculty Representative Wick
   - Committee declined to act on request from Student Senate President Olson that University Senate take a stance on Student Senate resolution in support of keeping Water Street bars closed on Homecoming morning

3. Review of tentative agenda for October 11, 2005 meeting of University Senate
   - Tentative agenda accepted with following change
     - Second reading of motion on print copies of class schedule bulletins moved to after report/demonstration of new online course searching tool

4. Calendar Subcommittee Update
   - Subcommittee came up with additional UW-Eau Claire guidelines to cover various contingencies in academic calendars – handout distributed
     - Tried to take into account all calendar issues brought before senate in last several years
   - Intent is to have University Senate approve expanded guidelines and then shift primary responsibility for developing calendars to meet those guidelines to Provost’s Office
     - Once individual calendars developed, Executive Committee to review and University Senate to receive as information
   - Discussion of guidelines
     - Even without classes on Monday after Easter, still have 13 full weeks of classes
     - Faculty member still concerned that fall and spring semesters not identical in length – can’t lengthen fall, so would have to shorten spring
     - Always nice to delay Winterim to provide extra time for holidays – also nice to have time between Winterim and spring semester
     - Important to remember that by contract when holidays fall on Sunday, represented staff has Monday off so university offices would be closed
     - Also is concern over when housing opens up in January
       - Difficult to keep students in check for long periods before classes start
       - Housing also uses Winterim to train staff
Guideline concerning number of weeks faculty under contract prior to fall classes beginning results in a one week contract period prior to classes in three out of seven years of possible calendars, and two weeks for other four calendars
- In one of those seven years, would have 41 Monday/Wednesday/Friday class days; in one would have 42 M/W/F class days; rest would have 43 M/W/F class days
- Would always result in contract starting on August 20-something
- Will continue discussion in two weeks by which time Administrative Officer Morse will have developed 2007-2008 academic calendar

5. Discussion of Constitution and Bylaws related to temporarily filling vacancies
- Of five elections held in senate last week, in only two cases were those people voting in senate a subset of those who would vote in at-large elections – handout distributed
- Just bringing it to attention of committee, not advocating change be made
- Consensus was to leave straight-forward process in place considering:
  - These are temporary replacements to fill vacancies that occur after spring elections
  - Those people elected are replaced in the next spring election

6. Miscellaneous Business
- None

7. Announcements
- None

Meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

Submitted by,

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