The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:04 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18, 2005 in the Presidents Room of Davies Center.

1. Minutes of October 4, 2005 approved as distributed

2. Open Forum
   - University Faculty meeting for nominations for Search and Screen Committee for position of Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research and Sponsored Programs scheduled for October 20, 2005; University Academic Staff meeting for same purpose also scheduled on same day; notice included in pink sheet and University Bulletin

3. Review of tentative agenda for October 25, 2005 meeting of University Senate
   - Tentative agenda accepted as distributed

4. Calendar Guidelines and 2007-2008 Proposed Academic Year Calendar
   - 2007-2008 allows decent academic year calendar with fairly even semesters: 43 MWF class days and 29 TTh class days in fall semester and 44/30 in spring semester
   - Thirteen full weeks of classes in fall; 14 in spring
   - Calendar meets all guidelines drawn up by calendar subcommittee
   - Would even allow for option in spring to add days between Winterim and start of spring semester so Saturday classes not required during Winterim
   - Complaint is that 9000 students would have to wait for 1000 students to finish Winterim
   - Delaying start of spring semester makes semester break too long – students ready to return to classes
   - Problem is not really with Saturday classes in Winterim, but with six class days in a row; that doesn’t occur in this calendar
   - Another option would be since spring and April break occur together, could not hold classes on Monday after Easter and still have 13 full weeks of classes
   - Could be additional guideline that when two breaks occur together, don’t hold those Monday classes

MOTION by Vice Chair Gapko to accept 2007-2008 Academic Year Calendar as distributed seconded.

Discussion
- Thought intent was for senate to pass calendar guidelines only; once guidelines approved, then calendars reviewed by Executive Committee and forwarded to full senate for information
- Consensus reached to forward calendar guidelines to senate first; then send 2007-2008 calendar forward for information

Motion PASSED without dissention.
Discussion of Calendar Guidelines

- No need to add guideline about holidays that fall on Sundays requiring university to be closed on following Monday because would only affect New Years Day and would be considered in calendar generation automatically
- Adding word *approximately* to guideline #4 indicating number of class days each semester approved by consensus

MOTION by Senator Freymiller to approve amended calendar guidelines seconded and PASSED without dissention.

5. Miscellaneous Business

- None

6. Announcements

- Chancellor Larson unable to attend next senate meeting; Provost Tallant to give Chancellor’s Remarks
- Chancellor Larson receiving Wisconsin Women in Higher Education Leadership award at conference this week

Meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

Submitted by,

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