Present: Judy Blackstone, Mitchell Freymiller, Andrea Gapko, Susan Harrison, Robert Hollon, Robert Hooper, Rose Jadack, Bruce Lo, Steven Tallant, Michael Wick, Marty Wood

Absent: Selika Ducksworth-Lawton, Brian Levin-Stankevich, Jennifer Lee, Steven Majstorovic, Donna Raleigh

Guests: Katherine Rhoades

The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:03 p.m. on Tuesday, November 21, 2006 in the Presidents Room of Davies Center.

1. Minutes of November 7, 2006 approved as distributed

2. Open Forum
   • Timing of provost search and search for dean of College of Education and Human Sciences
     • While searches will coincide to some degree, chancellor will make final decision on provost prior to decision on dean
     • Would be difficult for dean to accept position without knowing who boss would be

3. Review of tentative agenda for November 28, 2006 meeting of University Senate
   • Academic Policies Committee to bring Physics and Astronomy changes forward as two motions
   • Asking for reportable items from committees worked well – will attempt to keep reports in established committee order

4. Senate Representation
   • During senate discussion of elimination of three nursing departments and establishment of one department of nursing, indicated discussion would take place at Executive Committee regarding senate representation for new, larger department
   • Handout including history of issue distributed to committee
     • Could decide whether want to do anything, make new language for both units and departments, or consider changing so no college will have less than three representatives
     • Twenty was used as number because senate representation is approximately one representative for each ten faculty/academic staff
   • Should just put in language for two representatives for departments or units of 20 or greater and leave in
     • Then will not have to change as departments/units change
     • Would then be up to department/unit as to whether they want to fill both positions
   • Believe senate structure itself is part of problem
     • Should be more about all-university representation; not about unit and department representation
     • Would like to see fundamental reorganization that streamlines whole senate
     • Would like to ask for patience as do wholesale change over next two to three years
   • Since nursing department reorganization takes effect in fall, could maintain current structure through spring elections and 2007-2008
     • Same members could serve until overhaul complete
   • Members in College of Nursing and Health Sciences could also run at large
   • These changes are part of bylaws, so can be changed by University Senate; need not be ratified as part of constitution
   • Should also eliminate requirement that committees have membership from specific colleges
     • Could then just elect faculty with expertise in committee business
• Would lighten committee load for senators from smaller colleges
• Easier to support global representation when part of biggest college on campus
• Is distinction between streamlined and efficient; smaller entities are not necessarily most efficient
• Consensus of committee to leave current language
  • Senator Jadack will check with college to determine if that is acceptable
• Dean Rhoades, when asked, noted no similar mergers under consideration in College of Education and Human Sciences

5. Miscellaneous Business
• Chair-Elect Wood asked for and was granted permission of Executive Committee to start discussing with faculty and academic staff the type of representation they would want on senate
  • Would suggest start discussion with shared governance group

6. Announcements
• None

7. MOVED and seconded at 3:19 p.m. that the committee go into closed session under Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c) to consult with: a) Interim Assistant Vice Chancellor Havholm on appointments to the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee and b) William Frankenberger on appointments to the Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects.

Motion PASSED unanimously by affirmative votes from following members: Michael Wick, Robert Hooper, Mitchell Freymiller, Bruce Lo, Robert Hollon, Judy Blackstone, Rose Jadack, Andrea Gapko, Marty Wood, Steven Tallant, and Susan Harrison.

Comments and suggestions from committee members to be conveyed to Assistant Vice Chancellor Havholm and William Frankenberg.

Meeting adjourned out of closed session at 3:37 p.m.

Submitted by,

Wanda Schulner
Secretary to the University Senate