Present: Judy Blackstone, Meg Devine, Mitchell Freymiller, Andrea Gapko, Susan Harrison, Robert Hollon, Robert Hooper, Brian Levin-Stankevich, Steven Majstorovic, Donna Raleigh, Scott Robertson, Lois Taft, Steve Tallant, Michael Wick, Marty Wood

Absent: Jennifer Lee

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 3:03 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6, 2007 in the Presidents Room of Davies Center.

1. Minutes of January 23, 2007 approved as distributed

2. Open Forum
   • Problems with Barnes and Noble Bookstore brought up
     • Issue is lack of sufficient quantity of books to cover class enrollments and then difficulty in getting additional copies ordered in timely manner
     • At times, students seeking such books treated rudely by employees
     • Anecdotal evidence piling up of continued short ordering, particularly of purchase textbooks
     • Has been topic at Chairs Council; dean working on letter on behalf of chairs
     • Gotten to point that academic mission of university being compromised
     • Many more instances of under ordering texts and difficulty in resolving problems recounted
     • Can get problems resolved one by one, but often too late and does not seem to correct overall issue
     • Many individual faculty and departments order supplies and books for students to purchase on their own from Amazon
     • Creates negative feedback loop that then confirms decreased need to bookstore
     • Vice Chancellor Soll indicated this is first he has heard of problems impeding academic process
     • Few small problems brought to his attention have been readily solved by dealing with bookstore
     • Does make some difference if talking about purchase or rental books
     • Problem is primarily one of attitude – bottom line vs. service to students
     • Provost Tallant will request examples of problems encountered with bookstore
     • Then will work with Vice Chancellor Soll to prevent same types of problems in future

3. Review of tentative agenda for February 13, 2007 meeting of University Senate
   • Consensus reached to cancel meeting due to lack of pressing business – all items on agenda can be covered at meeting of February 27, 2007 without causing difficulty

4. Committee designated to serve as UW-Eau Claire Institutional Ethics Committee

MOVED by Vice Chair Gapko and seconded that the following changes be made to the Faculty and Academic Staff Handbook, 22nd Edition, Chapter 5, pages 71-72:

**UWEC 8.035 Institutional Ethics Committee**

1. Membership
   According to UWS 8.035, each institution shall establish a committee, or designate an existing committee, whose function shall be to provide any member of the unclassified staff consultation and advice on the application of UWS 8. At UW-Eau Claire, the University Senate Executive Committee shall provide such consultation for members of the unclassified staff.
The committee consists of six members who will serve staggered three-year terms, with two being appointed each year by the Chancellor in consultation with the University Senate Executive Committee. At all times there will be at least one member from each of the Colleges, at least one from the instructional academic staff, and at least one from the administrative and/or professional academic staff.

2. Function
The function of the committee shall be to provide to any member of the unclassified staff consultation and advice on the application of UWS 8.

Committee deliberations and actions upon requests for consultation or advice shall be in meetings not open to the public. Records obtained in requests for consultation or advice shall be considered confidential university information. However, summaries of advice provided by this committee, which does not disclose the identities requesting such advice, shall be made public in an annual report to the Chancellor.

Motion PASSED by vote of 14 for, 0 against. Motion to be forwarded to University Senate.

5. Miscellaneous Business

- None

6. Announcements

- Provost Tallant contacted by Army last Friday concerning possibility of locating ROTC command at UW-Eau Claire
  - Has been battalion at UW-Stevens Point since 1960s offering military science degree
  - Started command at UW-Stout a few years ago; since that time Eau Claire and River Falls have entered agreements with Stout to allow students from those campuses to participate in program
  - Now Army looking at development of command on UW-Eau Claire campus
    - Would entail having Department of Military Science on campus, staffed with one faculty member and one academic staff member, plus academic department associate
    - Government would provide teaching; institution would provide facilities (two offices, use of gymnasium and pool), supplies, academic department associate (could be part-time), and treat as academic department with courses in catalogue and on transcripts, and would mention ROTC presence at freshman orientation
      - Would be no weapons on campus
    - Looking toward nursing, science, engineering, and foreign language majors; could benefit many students via scholarship and leadership experience
    - Questions remain as to exactly how curriculum would be set up – most likely would be minor in military science
    - Provost to talk to contact again this week and ask further questions

- Discussion and comments
  - Possibility could use online consortium with Stout and River Falls and save some money
  - Seems would be to our advantage to be cooperative
  - In democracy that requires military, seems better to have officers be college graduates
  - Collegial experience would allow for acquisition of other values and perspectives than getting at service academies; chance to influence and shape future leaders
  - Department and program as part of curriculum would have to go through shared governance
  - Provost to continue conversations with Army while continuing open discussion on campus

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Secretary to the University Senate