The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Wood at 3:03 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6, 2007 in the Presidents Room of Davies Center.

1. Minutes of October 16, 2007 approved as distributed

2. Open Forum
   - Displeasure expressed at Chubbys Gentlemen’s Club advertisements in Campus Directory
     - Offensive to women on campus to have full page ad in campus directory; doesn’t seem like something we should be promoting
   - Discussion
     - Is university document done under contract; advertising pays for printing
     - Learning and Technology Services coordinates; doubt anyone on campus sees ads prior to printing
     - Company has been told certain ads were not acceptable, but has been turnover in past few years
     - Perhaps senate resolution about ads that don’t enhance campus efforts for equality and civility would be appropriate
     - Or just have someone on campus look at directory before printing
     - Are also ads in directory for bars and tobacco shops; seems bigger issue is censorship
     - Uncomfortable with any censorship – commonly are drawings of models up in halls of Haas Fine Arts Building
     - Also NOTA poster recently taken down without discussion because offensive to some
     - Problem is how to distinguish one from another and how far to go
     - For ads though, are accepting revenue from profit-making company
     - Still talking about images that offend some people
     - In 2007, is it important to have a printed directory?
     - Do have people that use printed directory because searching online version not as effective as have to know name
     - Perhaps should spend time and energies on fixing online directory with good search feature
     - Printed version also useful when computer not available
     - Also will be another Women of UW-Eau Claire calendar this year
   - No consensus reached by committee
     - Chair Wood to note issue in reportable items from committees at senate meeting
     - Senator Harrison to report back to constituent about discussion

3. Review of tentative agenda for November 13, 2007 meeting of University Senate
   - Agenda approved as distributed
4. Academic Calendar 2009-2010

- Spring semester has seven weeks of classes, then break
  - Usually break falls after eighth week of classes, although position of spring break not part of guidelines
  - Then back for one full week of classes, then have Good Friday off the next week and Monday off the next
  - End up with only one full week of classes out of four weeks
- Is nice to allow travel day after Easter if possible; no issue with holding Monday night classes
- Means one less week of MWF night classes and two weeks of MWF lab courses wiped out
- Last time had Monday after Easter off was issue with library being open; never been at public institution with Good Friday or Monday after Easter off
- Did search of university calendars
  - Many published out ten years
  - We are only institution found, either religious or public, with spring schedule built around Easter
- Excessive number of partial weeks breaks continuity of learning experience
- Guidelines say only that have to hold classes on Monday after April break if not 13 full weeks of classes in semester; don’t say you have to take that Monday off if more than those full weeks
- Ms. Scheible reported that student commissions were elated to have Monday after April Break off
- Would like to see faculty and senate out of business of setting calendar and trust administration to develop it
- Public schools generally set their calendars after ours are set; in last several years have coordinated spring breaks
- Majority of our students live within three hour drive of campus

MOTION by Senator Brockpahler that Spring Break be combined with April Break with break occurring Monday, March 29, 2010 through Friday, April 2, 2010 and classes resuming on Monday, April 5, 2010 seconded.

Debate
- Perhaps not having Monday after Easter off will be topic of debate
- Means two more full weeks of classes; spring semester will be full week longer
- Would like to see calendar generated out ten years since are only so many possibilities
  - Ms. Scheible willing to give it a try after administrative mainframe migration complete
  - Senator Harrison to look at possibilities

Vote on Motion: Motion PASSED by vote of 12 for, 0 against.

5. Consideration of UW-River Falls Health Insurance Petition

- Faculty representative from UW-River Falls forwarded to all faculty representatives a petition resulting from problems with availability of health care providers to employees on that campus
- Chair Wood distributed petition to all senators
  - Received no feedback that would not support petition
  - Did hear from several people who live in Minnesota about decreased providers in that state
- Discussion
  - Considering change in plan this year, we might be next on list to face deterioration of choice of health care providers
  - Mayo Clinic no longer easy option
  - River Falls apparently did get increased time to make individual decisions
  - Representative from this area on board important
    - In past, campus people to run for board difficult to find
  - Situation in River Falls dire; should support them as part of system
  - Support this petition; stronger resolution on long-term deterioration of access to health care also necessary
  - All providers must meet uniform benefits – may be that change in uniform benefits needed

MOTION by Vice Chair Gapko to endorse the Petition for an Equitable, Reasonable, and Affordable Quality Health Care Plan for all Faculty and Staff at the University of Wisconsin – River Falls seconded.
Vote on Motion: Motion PASSED by vote of 12 for, 0 against.

Chair Wood to bring stronger resolution on long-term deterioration of access to health care to future Executive Committee meeting.

6. Miscellaneous Business
   • None

7. Announcements
   • None

Meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Submitted by,

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