The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Wood at 3:03 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29, 2008 in the Presidents Room of Davies Center.

1. Minutes of April 15, 2008 approved as distributed

2. Open Forum
   - No business discussed

3. Review of tentative agenda for May 6, 2008 meeting of University Senate
   - Approved as distributed with addition of Presentation of Strategic Plan under the Chancellor’s Remarks

4. A) Resolution in Support of Library DIN
   - Benefits Faculty and Staff
   - Will provide better research materials
   - Provides scholarly information
   - Goes a long way in the ability to gain access to materials
   - Has the support of Chancellor and Provost
   - Better possibility to recruit Faculty and Staff
   - Library would like more support
   - Resolution should talk of expansion of resources and be clear as we are not talking about accessing information through a Google search
   - Resolution should state scholarly information

Motion that Executive Committee support the resolution brought forward, seconded and PASSED without dissention

B) Resolution regarding campus cooperation with Recording Industry Association of America
- Students getting harassed from Recording Industry
- Students have received offers to settle out of court for illegally downloading music
  - Last year 19 UWEC students settled out of court
  - Some for between $5,000 - $7,000
  - Often because they feared the expense and time of going to court
- LTS has taken some proactive steps by ensuring students are educated on what is legitimate, copyright laws, and have developed tools and technology to assist UWEC to see if students are file sharing
  - Also have campaign poster in the residence halls
- Needs to go to System Legal Council so they can take aggressive action/stance
• Wisconsin attracts a disproportionate amount of attention from the RIAA
• UWEC has attracted more early settlement letters than many other states
• In the last round UWEC received 12 early settlement letters
  • Milwaukee: 35
  • Madison: 6
  • Proportionately UWEC is getting the same amount of letters as larger schools in other states
• UWEC provides education and legal music downloads
• Complaints are issued because the students have an open directory/folder that files can be uploaded from
• Ask Legal Council to deal with the RIAA
• Nebraska said that they will no longer do the job of the RIAA as they can protect their own material
• UWEC is “responsible” because the students are using UWEC resources
• Students are connected to our network and it is University assigned
• Seems to be selective enforcement of copyright laws
• High school students are doing this at a far greater rate than college students
• The settlements are exorbitant
• Even if students paid $.70 or $.80 per song it still wouldn’t be as much as they had settled for
• Our students are easy targets because they are accessible
• RIAA discovers the IP address and asks UWEC to give them the name
• First students get a takedown notice, then a request to UWEC from the lawyers to preserve evidence, next is an early settlement letter, and lastly a subpoena
• UWEC supplies the information that is requested and available
• UWEC adopted policies
  • 1st complaint: email is forwarded to the student asking that they not have such materials on their computer and computer ban for 2 weeks
  • 2nd: 4 week computer ban
  • 3rd: computer ban for the balance of the semester
• There are presentations at the beginning of the school year for the students to attend
• Word of mouth
• Copyright is difficult to understand is certainly not understood around campus
• Students sign an acceptable use policy when they register to use the computer
• Make the acceptable use policy a question/answer instead of checking a box
• UWEC should mimic what Harvard has done
• Some people are not even aware that this is happening on their computer
• Look at ways to put a filter on the computer that will warn the student when too much activity is taking place
• When UWEC sees an abnormal amount of traffic on someone’s computer they notify the student
• This topic will be discussed in Madison this Friday
• Recommend consideration at the next University Senate meeting
• Wording should be looked at as it should be a stronger statement
• In 2005 UWEC had 196 complaints, in 2006 there were 511 complaints, and in 2007 there were 343 complaints
• Think about the cost to UWEC

5. Miscellaneous Business
• Strategic Plan
  • Electronic copy of the Strategic Plan will be distributed to Senators prior to the next University Senate meeting
  • There is now a clarified Vision
  • The 4 values were moved to the front end of the plan
  • Diversity within that was moved to the number 1 position and integrated throughout our goal as well
  • Integrated in-and-out-of-classroom learning into learning goals 1 and 2
  • Kept International and Multicultural Study at 75%
    • This is a goal, it is not mandatory
  • The Strategic Planning Committee did a remarkable job as it was a tremendous amount of work
  • Planning Committee was the core driver with the Higher Learning Commission Goals and our accountability measures aligning with our continuous planning effort
The single sheet that was passed around is the handout used in Community Forums

Sense that UWEC is a gem in the Chippewa Valley

Building a common vision

Have been open with the whole process

University Learning Goals need to be cohesive

Learning Goals are included in the text

UWEC statement is transformational learning

Endowment, new facility, or faculty and staff development is an opportunity for a formative gift

Scholarships are more assistive than transformative

UWEC will translate this into positions and ask BOR to support it

University Senate wants to hear outlines and where we go from here

At the University Senate meeting short-term goals will be identified

6. Announcements

- One more Executive Committee meeting will be scheduled as there are 2 member’s terms expiring on the Planning Committee and the Executive Committee will need to be in closed session
- English Fest is being held this week

Meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

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