Present: Jennifer Brockpahler, Mitchell Freymiller, Andrea Gapko, Susan Harrison, Rose Jadack, Jeff Janot, Brian Levin-Stankevich, Brian Mahoney, John Mann, Rick Richmond, Linda Spaeth, Todd Stephens, Jan Stirm, Chuck Tomkovick, Marty Wood

Absent:

Guests: Mary Jane Brukardt, Donald Christian, Theresa O’Halloran

The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Vice Chair Gapko at 3:01 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16, 2008 in the Alumni Room of Davies Center.

1. Minutes of September 2, 2008 approved as amended

2. Open Forum
   - Faculty in the College of Nursing would like to see one additional faculty representative on Senate from the College of Nursing
   - Stretched too thin and are having a hard time sitting on committees
   - Would be easier if an additional senator was added
   - At first the faculty were alright with less senators but now they see the impact
   - This topic will be added to the October agenda
   - Biographies for the search and screen committee nominees
   - Suggestion that search and screen committee nominees submit a short biography so people around campus can get an idea of who they are voting for
   - Usually the ballot lists only the department and college
   - Short bios are listed on the Who’s Who page
   - On some previous major searches nominees were asked to submit a paragraph
   - Sounds like a good idea
   - Senate Office to coordinate the biographies
   - Will have a link to the bios
   - Ask for a short paragraph biography from each nominee
   - Area businesses include biographies for their Board of Directors election
   - Encourage care in how you cast the instructions
   - Don’t want to discourage
   - Question of this issue being brought up too late
   - Make a reasonable request as to why you would be good on the search and screen committee
   - Seems last minute
   - Future search and screens could include bios
   - When the nomination Committee collects names then bios should be included with the nomination
   - Then people will ask about every committee election
   - Don’t ask why you want to be on the committee but who you are
   - It is reasonable to want more as we are a big enough community but are we solving the problem
   - If people are interested in learning more they could call the nominee
   - Most information should be on web pages
   - Academic staff do not usually have web pages
   - Bios would have to be requested at the end of the nomination period
   - With most turn-around dates it seems too late
   - Almost all search and screen committees formed never have time between the nominations, elections and the committee start
It doesn’t seem feasible at this point
Would like to have the opportunity to know these nominees

MOTION by Senator Spaeth that we ask the candidates being nominated for the Search and Screen Committee for the Provost/Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs position to submit a short 3-4 sentence biography along with their qualifications to serve on the search and screen committee as it will be used for election purposes seconded and PASSED with majority vote

- Hiring of the Provost/Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
  - Consultant will most likely not be hired to assist in the process
  - Should be able to get the advertisements in during the appropriate timetable
  - System has never used a Search Consultant for Provost level searches

3. Review of Tentative Agenda for September 23, 2008 meeting of the University Senate
   - Add Academic Staff Personnel Representative to UW System Representative Election
   - Add Budget Committee election
   - Change Academic Policies Committee election to reflect 2 vacancies

4. Miscellaneous Business
   A. Update on Results of Interim-Chair Election
      - Susan Harrison voted Interim-Chair by majority vote
      - May cause vacant position on Executive Committee
   B. Faculty Representative to UW Systems Results
      - Will need to have a run-off election between Robert Hollon and Sean McAleer as there was a tie
      - Contact both nominees prior to run-off election to verify that they are still interested in running for the Faculty Representative to UW System
      - Contact faculty members prior to run-off election to let them know that there will be another election ballot being sent to them
   C. September 30 Open-Discussion
      - PEEQ
        - Would like to bring forward criteria and questions that have already been asked
        - Sponsored by Senate but is open for anyone to attend

5. Announcements
   - None

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Submitted by,

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