University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire
University Senate Executive Committee

Minutes from December 2, 2008
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Present: Mitchell Freymiller, Andrea Gapko, Susan Harrison, Rose Jadack, Jeff Janot, Brian Mahoney, John Mann, Sean McAleer, Rick Richmond, Linda Spaeth, Todd Stephens, Jan Stirm, Chuck Tomkovick, Marty Wood

Absent: Jennifer Brockpahler, Brian Levin-Stankevich

Guests: Stephanie Jamelske

The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Interim-Chair Harrison at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 2, 2008 in the Alumni Room of Davies Center.

1. Minutes of November 18, 2008 approved as distributed

2. Open Forum - None

3. A) Tentative Agenda for December 9, 2008 meeting of the University Senate is approved with addition of 2 motions from the Academic Policies Committee to be placed under New Business and a change of speaker under the Equity Scorecard Progress report from Marty Wood to David Shih
   B) The January 27th, 2009 tentative meeting of University Senate will not take place and should be set aside for other business and to work on PEEQ

4. Ideas on function and membership of the Senate Budget Committee
   • Next meeting to be held on Thursday, December 4, 2008
   • Looking for suggestions or input on the Budget Committee’s role
     • In the current functions of the committee there are no actual decisions made by the Budget Committee
     • Should be more than an advisory or informational group
     • The Budget Committee should have a real voice
     • Re-write the functions of this committee
     • Bringing something to someone who doesn’t want to act on it does nothing
     • Would be nice if the Budget Committee could suggest things directly to the Chancellor
     • Since it is a Senate Committee it should be reporting to the Senate
     • Should just report things to Senate as opposed to having to bring everything to the Senate
     • Committee should have structure for input
     • The committee will need to make hard comparisons
     • It is a good idea to inform the Senate but should be brought to the Chancellor
     • Chancellor has been inviting feedback and that feedback might initiate action
     • Have a concise, informative summary of the outcomes
     • Should share thoughts with the Chancellor as budget priorities are being set
     • Organize how resources will be attached
     • Ought to be able to look at cost/benefit analysis across the university
     • Should be more inclusive

5. Miscellaneous Business
   • Calendar Guidelines
     • Based off the discussion at the last University Senate meeting it was suggested that a timeline for calendar alterations be included in the new language as well as who to give the suggestions to
     • Handout given on the language currently under discussion and suggestion of proposed language
     • It was suggested to add the word “however” as shown below
       • Guidelines for creating Academic Year Calendars are established by the Regents and the University Senate. The Provost’s Office has the primary responsibility for developing calendars meeting the guidelines. **Once developed, the University Senate Executive Committee will** review the proposed
calendar(s). Calendars for at least eight years in advance will be made available on the University web site. Suggestions for revising the academic year calendars should be directed to the University Senate Executive Committee. However, calendars for the current academic year and the two subsequent academic years cannot be modified. Upon approval, the calendar(s) will be presented to the University Senate for information.

- 3 year degree
  - The Chancellor at UW-La Crosse went on record to talk about the possibility of a three year degree
  - Should keep in mind that the Regents have brought this up before
  - We may be asked to look at the feasibility of this type of program
  - Would be an alternative to a bachelors degree

6. Announcements - None

Meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Submitted by,

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