The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Interim-Chair Harrison at 3:04 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 in the Alumni Room of Davies Center.

1. Minutes of March 3, 2009 approved as distributed

2. Open Forum
   - Concern was raised about the pilot ROTC program
     - When brought forward hadn’t yet had our Strategic Plan
     - Military is non-inclusive and discriminatory
     - Wondering if UWEC has considered this
     - Faculty promote our stated values
     - Pilot ROTC program was brought up in the All-Chairs meeting to promote discussion
     - Was brought to Steve Tallant in 2007 by the Army, reported to Executive Committee on February 6, 2007 and later to the University Senate
     - There was never a motion to accept
     - Pilot program courses to be offered through Continuing Education
     - Courses to be offered through the College of Business after the pilot program
     - Continuing Education courses do not go through the same governance steps
     - Would have to go through proper governance if an accepted program
     - College of Business may have concerns brought to them if taken through governance
     - Sense that they shouldn’t be boycotted on campus
     - UWEC wants to have a voice in educating future military leaders
     - Think that the above concern is an exaggeration
     - Seems that the pilot program is circumventing faculty governance over a degree requirement
     - Concerns are real but we also need to think about what we want Officer Core to look like as the military is not going away
     - Students are currently taking these courses at Stout and transferring them to UWEC
     - Will be available to more than Business students
     - George Kroening, Director of Continuing Education, would be the person to ask to find out what is happening
     - If the government comes to you and asks you to offer the program and you deny it then you cut yourself off from any federal grants
     - Appropriate time to bring up this concern is when it is brought to governance
   - Accommodation of Students in the National Guard/Reserves
     - UW- Whitewater’s Faculty Senate passed a resolution trying to officially accommodate students in the National Guard or Reserves as there were complaints from students that some professors were not accommodating
     - System said that it was up to each individual campus
     - UW-Whitewater’s language was presented to us as a starting point, if so desired
     - Given to Faculty Reps so we could pass it along
     - Theresa O’Halloran and Andrea Gapko to follow-up
   - Status of the Provost Search & Screen
     - In negotiations
Response to the processed used for Dave Gessner to get his new position without going through Search & Screen Process
- A major reorganization took place
- The concept of changing the focus of the previous position of Vice Chancellor for Administration, Finance, and Facilities was presented to the Executive Committee on January 27, 2009
- The concept of who might be able to fill the newly defined position was discussed in Closed Session with the Executive Committee
- Since the change was part of a major reorganization, UW System rules provide for more leeway
- Since the new position is a Pay Grade 9 and Dave Gessner was a Pay Grade 9, System approved a lateral move to new duties without a Search & Screen
- Thus, Dave’s new position does not require the use of the word interim, nor did it require a Search & Screen for him to accept that position

3. Review of tentative agenda for April 14, 2009 meeting of the University Senate
- Approved with minor editorial revision

4. Discussion of Proposed Mission Statement
- You can choose to support this document and have a motion coming from the Executive Committee, you can choose to not take a vote on it and send it to the Senate without endorsement from the Executive Committee, or you can choose to send it back to the taskforce but it will no longer be tweaked
- The word collaborative should be included
- Collaborative doesn’t capture scholarly work and may be a put off to some parts of our campus
- Do not like the statement that we are preparing our students to work toward a more equitable world, not because I am opposed to that but I do not think that it is appropriate as a public institution
- Comments with regard to that statement were either very strongly in favor or very strongly opposed
- In previous discussions it is part of equity, diversity and inclusiveness so it was decided to leave it in
- Because we are a public institution of higher education the entire prospect of moving higher education out of the elite class and offering it to the entire citizen group is democratizing liberal education and preparing people for the possibility of working toward a more equitable world
- Has a religious taint to it
- We can have equity, diversity, and inclusiveness as core institutional values without that being the goal for which we are preparing our students to work toward
- Using public instead of common good was a deliberate change
- Endorsement by the Executive Committee means that the committee has looked at it
- Mission Statement that is going to the Regents is just what is in the box
- The bullets can be changed/revised without going to the BOR
- The bullets are an explanation and expansion of the box and tells how we will achieve our goal
- Is not a reordering of our priorities
- There are no individual programs that are listed
- Senate will be advised that it can vote for it, against it, or to make comments and send it back to the Task Force
- Want to commend the committee in responding to the changes that the people wanted to see

MOTION by Senator Stephens that the University Senate Executive Committee recommends that the University Senate approve the UWEC Mission Statement and seconded.

Continued Discussion
- Want to commend the committee in responding to the changes that the people wanted to see and that they came up with a much better short Mission Statement then we had before

Vote on Motion: Motion PASSED by a vote of 8 for and 1 against

5. Senate Balance
- Would like to see a net change column as to highlight that we are recognizing the change in numbers
- Very real change that is going on in regard to the decrease of faculty and the increase in Instructional Academic Staff
- The change proposed in the motion could increase or decrease the numbers of representatives that the colleges already have
27 faculty changed to academic staff positions when we merged with Chapter 37
The numbers reflected are voting numbers
To have the ability to vote you have to have at least a 50% appointment
Emeriti faculty coming back to teach are IAS classified
Very real change in the numbers
Numbers are by voting and to vote you have a 50% or more appointment
If paid by a grant then you are classified as Academic Staff

MOTION by Vice-Chair Gapko to change send this forward as a recommendation to change the bylaws, seconded and PASSED without dissention.

6. Administrator Review Committee Handbook Language
- Voted at an Executive Committee that the Director of Human Resources was the one to facilitate the Administrator Review Committee but because of a conflict of interest the University Senate Office would facilitate during those times
- Why only those with administrative officers with budget responsibility instead of just administrative officers?
- Procedural indication should be outlined
- Uncomfortable with the openness of this document
- Conflict of interest should be defined
- Classified staff as appropriate should also be defined
- Interim appointments paragraph is out of place
- There is not a better place to put it and it needs to be included

MOTION by Senator Brockpahler that the motion is accepted with minor revisions, seconded and PASSED without dissention

7. Miscellaneous Business
- Advising
  - Doesn’t talk about Business
  - APC wants support
  - Juniors and seniors must receive personal advising

MOTION by Vice-Chair Gapko to move this motion forward to the University Senate, seconded and PASSED without dissention.

- Commencement
  - Changes in commencement do not need to go through Senate
  - This discussion came up in 2002
  - Brought up at Student Roundtable then brought up at either Executive Committee or Planning Committee
  - Question as to why this was not brought up this time
  - Discussion this time as well
  - First announced at Budget meeting with the Chancellor
  - Commencement changes will start this summer
  - In the future there may be 3 ceremonies in May
  - University Senate seats are not filled by the Faculty or Academic Staff Nominating Committee in the Spring but rather the University Senate Nominating Committee in the Fall

8. Announcements
- None

Meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Submitted by,
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