Present: Jennifer Brockpahler, Mitchell Freymiller, Andrea Gapko, Susan Harrison, Thomas Hilton, Jeff Janot, Brian Mahoney, John Mann, Sean McAleer, Linda Spaeth, Todd Stephens, Jan Stirm, Marty Wood

Absent: Rose Jadack, Brian Levin-Stankevich, Rick Richmond

Guests: Gail Scukanec

The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Interim-Chair Harrison at 3:05 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 in the Eagle Room of Davies Center.

1. Minutes of April 7, 2009 approved as distributed

2. Open Forum - None

3. Review of tentative agenda for April 28, 2009 meeting of the University Senate – approved as distributed

4. Physical Plant Planning and Technology Committee
   - Both committees are currently inactive
   - Looking for suggestions for the future of these committees
   - Ad Hoc committees were created to advise
   - Many committees are not made up of senators and those on the committee have special backgrounds and specific expertise
   - Physical Plant Planning
     - Will have many issues arise in the next few years
     - Will have parking and space issues

MOTION by Vice-Chair Gapko that the Physical Plant Planning Committee be reconstituted and review their functions and seconded.

Continued Discussion
   - There are enough issues for this committee to discuss with the sustainability of the river and some issues of the creek
   - People from these departments get quite involved
   - This is a governance issue
   - Will be a lot of art & design and it would be good to get the ideas from the committee as that is what will be going into the new building

Vote on Motion: Motion PASSED without dissention.

- Technology Committee
  - College of Education still has a Technology Committee in existence
  - Technology Committee hasn’t had many issues in the recent past
  - Technology Committees were created when UWEC had terrible communication
  - Conditions have since changed
  - Executive Committee can act on behalf of any committee
  - With the coming lap-top initiative coming to the College of Business it might make sense to keep the Technology Committee around since it might expand to more than the College of Business
  - Could always use an Ad Hoc committee
  - Keep in mind the impact of PeopleSoft
If this committee remains inactive then it can be reconstituted at any time
The committee could use reps from each of the colleges
Then it would not be a Senate Committee
Could look at populating this committee differently
Many senators do not serve on any committees but should serve on at least one committee

MOTION by Senator Stephens that the Technology Committee be disbanded and an Ad Hoc Committee be generated if the need arises, seconded and DEFEATED.

Bring the committee back and leave it inactive
Would have to change language and have a referendum if college reps and senate reps were used as it would be populated in a different way
We should take no action and leave it as a standing committee
Executive Committee is charged with investigating existing Technology Committees on campus and report back to the Executive Committee in the fall

5. Senate Survey
• Physical Plant Planning Committee should read that it is currently inactive but will be reconstituted starting 2009-2010
• Survey should be sent electronically to all senators The checkboxes do not need to be anonymous but the question/answer section should be anonymous

6. Relationship of Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs to Senate
• Main benefit is that you have speaking rights
• Is an issue of fairness
• Would have to be a language change in the constitution

MOVED by Interim-Provost Wood that the language be written for the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs to be included as a non-voting member of the University Senate and Executive Committee, seconded and PASSED without dissention.

7. Miscellaneous Business
• Next possible meeting for the Executive Committee is May 5, 2009
• 2 emergency Executive Committee meetings are scheduled for June 10 at 4:00 p.m. and August 18 at 3:00 p.m.
  • These dates will only be used if there is business that needs to be addressed
• Update on ROTC
  • Dean Dock is the contact person if you were to have any questions
  • He will be presenting at a fall University Senate meeting
  • Currently UW-Stout students are taking ROTC courses through UW-Stout but at UWEC and at UWEC’s expense
  • If UWEC had the program then UWEC would get the financial benefit
  • No academic programs are associated with ROTC, just a sequence of courses
  • Will need an affirmative vote from governance bodies if it becomes a program

8. Announcements
• Tomorrow is Earth Day
• There is an Environmental Impact meeting tonight at 5:30

Meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Secretary of the University Senate