

University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire
University Senate Executive Committee

Minutes from September 1, 2009
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Present: Mitchell Freymiller, Susan Harrison, Beth Hellwig, Thomas Hilton, Rose Jadack, Jeff Janot, Patricia Kleine, Jennifer Lee, Brian Levin-Stankevich, John Mann, Sean McAleer, Linda Spaeth

Absent: Jennifer Brockpahler, Andrea Gapko, Brian Mahoney, Todd Stephens, Jan Stirm

Guests: MJ Brukardt, Mickey Crothers, Teresa O' Halloran, Gail Scukanec, Susan Turell, Mike Wick, Marty Wood

The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1, 2009 in the Presidents Room of Davies Center.

1. Minutes of May 5, 2009 approved as distributed
 2. Open Forum
 - Projected Swine Flu epidemic
 - Concern brought up that students are persuaded not to come to class but there is no documentation for the instructors
 - Student health services will not tie up their resources for those not at school
 - Many students will not go to health services if ill anyway
 - Faculty should be sensitive and proactive
 - Possible that RA's of Hall Director's could document for those in the dorms
 - Academic Affairs is in process of developing a social distance teaching guideline and plan so that if in case students do not show up there will be alternative instruction available
 - Information should be sent out this week or next week
 - Steering Committee is working to try to set-up a meeting with faculty and academic staff on impact of construction and will provide information as it develops
 - Transparency of PEEQ reports will be available after there is time to meet with the departments and units involved
 - HLC will be here in 2 weeks
 - Will be here the day of our Executive meeting and will most likely attend
 - We are in good shape but there is always room for improvement
 - May ask questions about our change request
 3. Discussion of Order of Business for the 46th Session of University Senate
 - Added Vice Chair's report with the Chair's report
 - Order of Business Approved
 4. Update on Honorary Degree Committee
 - Chancellor received a request for the process
 - Regent policy states that all schools can have an honorary degree
 - Trying to change our committee structure
 - Mandatory that UW-System President serve as ex-officio
 - Added a line to make it consistent: That committee procedures and actions shall be consistent with Unclassified Personnel Guideline 11
 - If honorary degree is considered then we need to have an official committee to go to
 - Gives consistency
 - Updated easily and is historical
- MOTION** by Senator Mann to **support the statement that The University Senate Executive Committee, along with the President of the University of Wisconsin System as an ex officio member, serve as UW-Eau Claire's Honorary Degree Committee. The Committee's procedures and actions shall be consistent with Unclassified Personnel Guideline 11**, seconded and PASSED without dissention.
5. Process for approving academic requirements coming from University General Education Committee
 - Typically goes through the college if it starts at the college but if it does not start at the college then it goes to APC

- Thought that University General Education Committee should be able to bring their work directly to University Senate
 - Seems to make sense
 - No hierarchy involved
 - Any senator can bring anything forward at anytime to the full Senate
 - September 29th is reserved for Open Discussion at Senate
6. Review of tentative agenda for September 8, 2009 meeting of the University Senate
 - Elections to be postponed
 - Removal of Blugold Commitment Overview
 - Informational Point – Terms to continue until elections take place
 7. Review of topics to be presented at future Senate meetings and Open Discussions
 - Education Building
 - Equity Scorecard
 - Climate Survey
 - Children's Center
 8. Update on Policy Book revisions and plans
 - Over the summer the Policy Book has been updated and worked on
 - Spent over one year going through this book and taking out duplications and making revisions and etc.
 - University Senate website will refer to governance, personnel and instruction
 - The Handbook as we know it will no longer exist
 - This was a Gold Arrow for 2008-2009
 - The web will be official policy
 9. Announcements
 - Student handbook is online this year to preserve cost
 - Vet Center will be having its Grand Opening on September 10th and it will be in the announcements and the Environmental Impact Center will open on September 22nd
 10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Secretary of the University Senate