University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire
University Senate Executive Committee

Minutes from April 6, 2010
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Present: Mitchell Freymiller, Andrea Gapko, Susan Harrison, Beth Hellwig, Jeff Janot, Scott Lester, Jennifer Lee, Brian Levin-Stankevich, Scott Lowe, John Mann, Joe Morin, Geoff Peterson, John Pollitz, Linda Spaeth

Absent: Patricia Kleine, Rick Mickelson, Sheila Smith

Guests: Kate Kuehn, Lori Snyder, Michael Weil, Mike Wick

The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:05 p.m. on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 in the Presidents Room of Davies Center.

1. Minutes of March 16, 2010 approved as distributed

2. Open Forum
   - Student Affairs created a leadership program
     - Kate Kuehn has been spot shadowing the Chancellor for a few days
     - Pleasure getting to know her
   - Academic Staff Personnel Committee Issues
     - Not following the handbook or System Guidelines
     - Talked to Human Resources
     - Job security is an issue with the no intent to renew contracts
       - When that happens they are not part of a pay plan and are not eligible for merit adjustments and etc.
     - In addition, our handbook talks about rolling horizon contracts and we do not issue them
       - Need to figure out what they are and why aren’t we issuing them
     - UPG #3 states that one shall be given reasons upon request
     - Many still do not have any job security
     - Motion is needed to clarify language
     - If not issuing rolling horizon contract then we need to take that language out
     - Need to comply the handbook with our current policy or make our policy comply with the handbook
     - Guidelines give job security after you have been here for 5 years
     - Language from System is not clear either
     - APAS contracts are rolling contracts as they get extended for another year

3. Review of tentative agenda for April 13, 2010 University Senate meeting approved with addition of motion for Academic Staff Personnel Committee as item b) under New Business.

4. Review of the Membership and Functions of the Executive Committee
   - Membership
     - Would be nice to have a faculty member from APC on Executive Committee
     - At some universities their Executive Committee is made up of committee chairs
     - Questioning if every committee should/could have a liaison on the Executive Committee
     - Executive Committee would first like to see the wording in writing
     - Would be nice to have a representative but not necessarily the Chair
   - Functions
     - Should also mention consultation and “and other administrators”
     - Suggestion to do a word search using “Executive Committee” to make sure when duties come up in other areas of the handbook that it is also mentioned in the functions

5. Relationship of Faculty/Academic Staff representatives to the Faculty/Academic Staff Personnel Committees
   - Questioning if the State Reps should be the chair of the Personnel Committees as they usually are
Most of the items discussed at the reps meetings are what is talked about at the personnel committee meetings.

Sounds good to bring forward so the Chair will write the motion.

Term limits:
- Academic Staff do have a time limit where the Faculty Reps do not.
- Term limits force people out as you just begin to learn your “job”.
- There is a steep learning curve with this position.
- Term limits encourages others to get involved.

6. Review of Article Three, Section H University Senate-Chancellor Relations – procedures for Senate actions that are directed to the Chancellor:
- Suggested to use the phrase stating: If no report of action is reported to the University Senate Office within 60 days of receipt of the recommendation, the recommendation will be considered approved.
- The Board of Regents also has a similar “rule”:
  - Is either 30 or 60 days.
- It encourages the Chancellor to do something even if it just feedback or consultation.
- Should beware of the months of December and January as we are not in session.
- Would be acceptable for the Chancellor to let us know that he is going to schedule a consultation or what he is doing on the motion.

7. Miscellaneous Business:
- None.

8. Announcements:
- As per the handbook, University Faculty members of the Executive Committee will stay after the next Executive Committee meeting for a special committee meeting to have a consultation with the Chancellor regarding the status of the Materials Science motion.
  - Additional information can be found in the handbook in Chapter 3, page 17.
- Have 3 options for the interior design color options for the new Davies Center.
  - Located in Charles Farrell’s suite, Room 107.
- Faculty and Academic Staff Spring Meeting is scheduled for April 20th at noon in the Alumni Room of Davies Center.
- Jazz Fest is next week.
- Academic Staff Personnel Committee will be holding an Open Forum on April 14th (over lunch) in the Arrowhead Room.
- Parking meeting will be coming soon – look for information.

9. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Submitted by,

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