The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:06 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 in the Arrowhead Room of Davies Center.

1. Minutes of April 6, 2010 approved as distributed

2. Open Forum
   - Technology Committee met for the first time and will meet again tomorrow
     - Some things that are listed under the functions of the Technology Committee, as things that should be getting done, are not even happening or in existence
     - Have found that a good portion of the Technology Committees on campus are not in action right now
     - Will talk about this at the next meeting
   - Jazz Fest was a big success
   - Softball team did well

3. Review of tentative agenda for April 27, 2010 University Senate meeting approved as amended

4. Discussion of Search and Screen Procedures to be used in upcoming searches for positions in Student Affairs; for replacements of interim college deans and interim associate VC in academic affairs; and for limited term positions that have university-wide influence not currently covered in the handbook
   - Assistant/Associate Dean of Students
     - Vice Chancellor Hellwig spoke with the University Senate Chair about reorganization
     - Put together search for new Assistant/Associate Dean of Students
     - Went with director search process
     - As it is now will form a typical Academic Staff member search
   - Talked with 3 interims so they knew that this subject was brought to the Executive Committee
   - We start searches too late
   - As positions are announced, we need to start working in a more proactive way
   - When ads are placed they should be in concert with each other
   - In areas such as CETL director, we need to see what procedures to follow
     - There are director positions talked about in the handbook and those such as CETL director, etc. that are not
   - Faculty Personnel Committee proposing that searches begin with an announcement at Senate
     - Positions that are limited term and University-wide would be announced in Senate
     - Committee appointment could be an Executive Committee action not an election
     - Director position that is more “academic” is missing in the handbook
     - Calling too many people “Director”
     - Many are called director but really don’t have the qualifications under the Academic Staff guidelines
     - Have a problem with the use of the word “Director”
     - Seems too restrictive to not have an election
   - Faculty Personnel Committee should talk with the Academic Staff Personnel Committee
   - Interim Dean positions would be filled according to college procedures
   - The use of the wording “University-wide influence” language is pretty vague
   - When is a search vs. an appointment appropriate
   - More a question of the construction of the search committee
• Concept of hiring authority is a principal that needs to be preserved
• Who is responsible for who is hired as we don’t have a recognition of that
• Seems to be very little input for the hiring authority
• Search Committee should be cross referenced in both faculty and academic staff personnel rules
• Mirror Chapter 5, page 85
• Not a provision in the handbook right now for these (heads of programs) types of searches
• Suggested to have the Provost look at these principles and bring to different committees
• Announcement made through email to solicit names for upcoming positions
• It is acceptable to have a 5-8 member committee
  • If the position works mainly with faculty, then the committee should be predominately faculty and if
    the if the position works mainly with academic staff then the committee should predominately consist
    of academic staff
  • The consulting committee for those nominees could be the Executive Committee

5. Review of the Membership and Functions of the Executive Committee
   • Discussion/Motion to be postponed until fall

6. Relationship of Faculty/Academic Staff Representatives to the Faculty/Academic Staff Personnel Committees
   • Nice to have the flow of having the Rep also be the Personnel Committee Chair
   • With this motion one knows ahead of time that they will also be the Chair
     • Has always been the unspoken expectation as they are paid to be the Rep
     • They were railroaded into being the Chair
   • Questioning if it is manageable to do both
   • This motion is adding to the function of the Rep
   • Academic Staff Rep Term Limit
     • Term limit of the Academic Staff Rep is a bad idea
     • Academic Staff voted to have the term limit in
     • 4 years as the Rep is enough time to serve

MOTION by Senator Freymiller to send forward the proposed Relationship of Faculty/Academic Staff Representatives to the Faculty/Academic Staff Personnel Committees to the University Senate, seconded and PASSED by two-thirds vote.

7. Review of Article Three, Section H University Senate – Chancellor Relations – Procedures for Senate actions that are directed to the Chancellor

MOTION by Senator Gapko to send forward the proposed Article Three, Section H University Senate – Chancellor Relations – Procedures for Senate actions that are directed to the Chancellor to the University Senate, seconded and PASSED without dissention.

8. Discussion of Percentage Assignment for University Senate Vice-Chair

MOTION by Senator Gapko to send forward the proposed Percentage Assignment for University Senate Vice-Chair to the University Senate, seconded and PASSED without dissention.

9. Continued discussion on the Consensual Relationship Policy

MOVED and seconded to send forward the proposed Consensual Relationship Policy to the University Senate as a For The Record item, and PASSED without dissention.
10. Miscellaneous Business - None

11. Announcements
   • Bar walk is scheduled for April 30th
     • Concern that there is a lack of faculty and academic staff
     • The walk is scheduled from 9 pm to 2 am but one would not have to stay for the entire time
     • There will be free pizza
     • Excellent public/community relation opportunity
     • Walk will consist of the bars and neighborhood
   • Sustainability discussion for the new Academic Building is scheduled for tomorrow afternoon
   • Climate survey consultant will be here next Tuesday
     • Will attend the Chancellor’s Cabinet at 9 am
     • Briefly address Senate
     • Any participation welcome
     • The report will be out on Monday

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire
Special Session of University Faculty Members of the University Senate Executive Committee

13. University faculty members of the Executive Committee convene in special session for consultation with the Chancellor regarding the status of the Materials Science motion
   • Consultation with the Chancellor
     • Reasons for delay in decision discussed
     • Handbook doesn’t list criteria for creation of a department
     • Concerned about setting precedent
     • Chancellor and/or other Administrators will meet with those affected by the motion and update the Executive Committee at the next meeting

MOTION by Senator Freymiller to postpone the continuation of the consultation with the Chancellor until a discussion is held with interested parties, seconded and PASSED without dissention.

14. Adjournment of special session

Special Meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Submitted by,

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