University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire  
University Senate Executive Committee  
Minutes from May 4, 2010  
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Present: Mitchell Freymiller, Andrea Gapko, Susan Harrison, Beth Hellwig, Patricia Kleine, Jennifer Lee, Scott Lester, Brian Levin-Stankevich, Scott Lowe, John Mann, Rick Mickelson, Joe Morin, Geoff Peterson, Sheila Smith, Linda Spaeth

Absent: Jeff Janot, John Pollitz,

Guests: Teresa O’Halloran, Gail Scukanec, Marty Wood

The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:05 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 in the Presidents Room of Davies Center.

1. Minutes of April 20, 2010 approved as distributed

2. Open Forum
   - Issues regarding Unionization
     - Would like an informational session so all can hear both sides of the argument
     - Want everyone to make an informed choice
     - National AFT vs. an unaffiliated local
     - Needed to turn in cards by today
       - Coming up at the last minute and that is concerning
       - Need open discussions about that as well, if passed
     - Questioning what the questions on the ballot will be
       - Are they separated
       - Would be helpful to know what ballot would look like
     - Not everybody is getting reminders to get out and vote
       - Sent via email
       - Sent to those that sent in a card originally
       - Can’t receive unless you signed a card as you haven’t given them authorization
     - The entire university does not fully understand what a yes or no vote really means
     - The university cannot respond to this
     - Administration cannot get involved
     - Takes faculty initiative to inform one another
     - Has been a request by a senator to offer question/answer session at senate on Tuesday
     - Did get System approval that Senate can host that session
     - In the current bylaw change we needed 34% to participate and 2/3’s support to pass but in a Union election there is no minimum needed so it only takes a majority plus one more person to pass
     - Questioning if the meetings held should only be faculty and staff present with no administrators
     - WERC can possibly provide a sample ballot and answer questions at the upcoming meeting
     - Academic Staff also feel as though they are not being fully informed as well
     - A “call” to come from the Senate Office for participation
     - Needed 10% to get an alternative on the ballot
   - Proposed changes in class cancellation policy
     - Concerns coming forward as to what would come next
     - Some parts of the language are making some uncomfortable
     - APC did not bring this motion forward
     - Comments/suggestions should be forwarded to Barbara Lozar
   - Message related to the concept of a Center for Service Learning and Civic Engagement should have been recalled as it will not be discussed today
     - Need a larger venue and will possibly be brought forward in the future

3. Review of tentative agenda for May 11, 2010 University Senate meeting approved as amended
4. Review of Senate operating procedures – use of Spring Senate survey, format of agenda and minutes, etc.
   - Send out Committee Survey and write any other suggestions on the back
   - Minutes
     - Roberts Rules only requires a simple statement of the motion and the vote
     - Suggestions to keep the more complete minutes for those that may not be at the meeting
   - Any suggestions should be forwarded to Chair Harrison

5. Discussion of possible larger agenda items for 2010-2011
   - Larger agenda items:
     - Student senate passed motion last night that supports revising the UW Tobacco Policy
       - Seems to be significant as makes lower campus smoke free with very few exceptions
     - University Senate and Administration also need to have input as well as many others
     - This should be taken up by the Physical Plant Planning Committee
       - In the fall as there is not enough time left this year
     - Students have been surveyed so there is data out there that can be used and the health educator has information that might be valuable as well
     - The Spectator may also get involved in this issue
     - May be translated into a Memo of Understanding
     - There is not enforcement of the no smoking areas now
     - The law says no smoking within buildings and within 25 feet of a building so may not be able to ban it anywhere else
     - Compensation
       - Pay Plan of 2011-2013
       - Post-tenure compensation still needs to be looked at
       - These things need to be in place
     - Many things depend on what happens with collective bargaining
     - Pedestrian safety
       - Some places off campus have yellow signs for pedestrian safety
       - Some areas have no lights or signals for pedestrian crossings
     - Physical Plant Planning Committee can take this up and look into it

6. Miscellaneous Business
   - Proposed substitution language for Senate
     - Is easier and more effective language

MOVED by Senator Gapko to send the proposed substitution language forward to University Senate as a substitute motion, seconded and PASSED without dissention

7. Announcements
   - Save the date: August 4th – 5th Inclusive Excellence
   - Environmental Impact Meeting is scheduled for May 11th and it will be advertised
     - Sustainability measures in the new building
     - Many features in the new building
   - State Building Commission – approved and received waiver and received approval of the City Council
   - Dean of Students candidates are starting to be on campus
     - Vitae on front page
     - Also being video taped
     - Encourage feedback
   - Academic Staff and Faculty Reps are going to Madison on Friday
     - Suggestions/feedback should be forwarded to them
     - Already brought up E-Campus
   - Jazz Ensemble I again receives prestigious Down Beat magazine honors
     - Support your Jazz program
   - 2010 UW System Regents Faculty Teaching Excellence Award is being awarded to UWEC faculty member
• Will not be publically announced until August
• Wonderful news
• Materials Science Department update
  • Need a solution to the problem
  • Faculty are already hired
  • Propose we get some of the folks and constitute a group to work on a longer term solution
  • May come up other alternatives
  • Some background work can be done over the summer
    • Background checking of other models
  • Provost Office will take the lead
  • Consultation will be continued

8. Consultation with the Chancellor regarding appointments to the University Planning Committee.

MOVED and seconded that the committee go into closed session under Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1)(c) to discuss possible candidates on the University Planning Committee.

Motion PASSED unanimously without objection from the following members: Mitchell Freymiller, Andrea Gapko, Susan Harrison, Beth Hellwig, Patricia Kleine, Jennifer Lee, Scott Lester, Brian Levin-Stankevich, Scott Lowe, Rick Mickelson, Joe Morin, Geoff Peterson, Sheila Smith, and Linda Spaeth

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Secretary of the University Senate