University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire
University Senate Executive Committee

Minutes from November 2, 2010
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Present:  Ned Beach, Patrick Day, Mitchell Freymiller, Andrea Gapko, Susan Harrison, Beth Hellwig, Patricia Kleine, Jennifer Lee, Scott Lester, Brian Levin-Stankevich, Scott Lowe, Rick Mickelson, Geoff Peterson, John Pollitz, Sheila Smith, Linda Spaeth, Marie Stadler

Absent:

Guests: Teresa O’Halloran and Marty Wood

The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:07 p.m. on Tuesday, November 2, 2010 in the President’s Room of Davies Center.

1. Minutes of October 19, 2010 approved as distributed

2. Open Forum
   - On-hold Music
     - A change in the on-hold music has been made
     - Thanks much as it is more pleasing to the ear
     - It was commented that Bernard Duyfhuizen made a suggestion that one could submit music that could be used within their college
       - Please contact John Lund in LTS as he is the one capable of making this change
   - House call program
     - Seemed to be a success as it went over very well
     - Would like to create a more welcoming atmosphere for our international students and try to reach out to them
       - Suggested that Karl Markgraf in International Education could be contacted
   - Bookstore
     - Purchased Books
       - Federal law requires students be made aware of the cost of purchased books prior to registering
       - The bookstore should be doing this, not the faculty themselves
       - The bookstore consistently does this but is looking into having the departments do it as well
       - The bookstore lists the suggested retail price
       - Many students do not get their books from the bookstore
         - It is required that we list the ISBN number and the price
         - Is a concern that will be forwarded to the bookstore
     - Ordered Books
       - Disappointed that the Bookstore doesn’t get books ordered in a timely manner
       - Seems to be a lack of communication
       - Has been an ongoing issue
   - Getting names for committees
     - Seems to be a problem and we need to look at the rules that require all colleges to respond
     - Have no mechanism for a Plan B if the search rules and procedures are not followed

3. Review of tentative agenda for November 9, 2010 meeting of University Senate approved as distributed

4. Participation of students on Senate Committees
   - When it is a University Senate Committee then that makes us the designator of whoever should serve on that committee and if we designate a student as a member to be on that committee then they should have the voting rights and speaking rights that other members of that committee have but the students cannot designate if a student is on one of our committees
   - Might want to look at chapter 36
     - One can find it on the University Senate website under Rules & Procedures, Part 1, Article 1
- Chapter 36 puts limits on student responsibilities
- Faculty are not subject to the students but to the Chancellor
- Students should not have the privilege of debating and making motions
- General consensus is to leave the current wording in the Rules and Procedures alone

5. Discussion of University Senate Representation: Frozen Files
   - While in discussion of the coding in the frozen files it was brought up that currently when faculty members leave the university and come back they are coded as Instructional Academic Staff but there seems to be a consensus that, for purposes of voting, emeriti faculty should vote with faculty
   - Chair is to pursue writing language for the above discussion
   - The current University Senate representation is as follows: 42 university faculty and 28 university academic staff
   - No changes are being made to the current Senate representation numbers at this time
   - Chair requested that the Executive Committee look at the numbers to see if anyone has any recommendations

6. Discussion of University Senate Proxy option
   - Currently no language in the bylaws to allow for substitution
   - Mechanism for at-large would have to be incorporated as well or it wouldn’t be fair
   - Alternates could be named
   - Advised the chair to create language to name an elected alternate
   - Why do we want to open this door
   - State legislature and City Council does not allow it
   - Chair to take a poll of the Senate to gather the overall feel of the use of a proxy

7. Miscellaneous Business
   - None

8. Announcements
   - If you have not voted please go so
   - Faculty Personnel Committee and Academic Staff Personnel Committee to meet immediately following adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Submitted by,
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