The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:03 p.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 in the President’s Room of Davies Center.

1. Minutes of February 1, 2011 approved as distributed with a correction in the meeting number to reflect number 9

2. Open Forum
   - Please welcome Rama Yelkur as a (provisional) College of Business Representative on the Executive Committee. Official elections to occur next week in Senate.

3. Review of tentative agenda for February 22, 2011 meeting of University Senate
   - Approved as distributed

4. Student Senate Resolution: In Support of a Stronger Relationship Between the University Senate and the Student Senate
   - Seems that they want it official that they are on our committees
   - We have it in our speaking rights that they can be granted a right to speak
   - They already have a representative on some of our committees
   - They want it formalized that they have a seat on University Senate, Academic Policies Committee and the Budget Committee
   - They want it in our Bylaws so that we recognize them as they fear that may not be continuity in terms of representation and would like to formalize it
   - Student leadership is drafting shared governance agreement proposal to formalize certain relationships
   - Don’t like to bind people down the road
   - Look at Chapter 36
   - Don’t over commit
   - System asked all student government leadership to verify that everything (related to shared governance) is updated
   - They are not requesting right to vote or make motions but they would like to speak and we already have open meetings
   - They use the wording “given rights” not “speaking rights”
   - We could state their limits if we were to change things
   - Maybe Academic Policies Committee and the Budget Committee should look at this and review it
   - There is not usually much wiggle room with regard to the Budget Committee
   - Chapter 36 is clear on what the roles are and we have a structure that works
   - Make the stance that Chapter 36 stands as is
   - Academic Policies Committee is the faculty’s responsibility
   - Would be unnecessarily and inappropriately opening the door
   - It is felt that student representation is working effectively
   - If they don’t vote but are allowed a seat at the table then we are extending a courtesy and sharing governance and our students have earned that
   - If we allowed it then it would be in our bylaws and we can vote it out if we don’t like it
   - Is an act of bad faith on our part if we do nothing
   - It costs us almost nothing
As long as it is a non-voting position we can let them speak.

MOTION by Senator Gapko that Chair Harrison prepare language for the students to be non-voting members on the University Senate, Academic Policies Committee and the Budget Committee and forward the language to the appropriate committees for review, seconded and PASSED without dissention.

5. Report on Changes in the Faculty and Academic Staff Rules and Procedures
   - New contract letters have gone out so if other changes are made in the Faculty and Academic Staff Rules and Procedures it would cause confusion
   - We didn’t meet the January deadline
   - Other errors were found as well that still need to be changed
   - The Faculty and Academic Staff Rules and Procedures will stay as it is until the next update in July

6. Miscellaneous Business
   - None

7. Announcements
   - There is a committee looking at the naming of the New Student Center
     - The committee will send up to 3 name suggestions to the Chancellor
     - So far the committee has received 44 suggestions
     - Not a funding opportunity at this point
     - Putting together a frequently asked questions about the new student center and it should be out within the next 3 weeks
     - Hoping to work with Mike Rindo so it can be on the Construction webpage as well as the Davies page
     - If it is a functional name then it wouldn’t have to go to the regents
   - Governor Walker’s Budget Repair Bill
     - Comments/concerns were shared
     - Will have a significant impact on the Chippewa Valley/UW-Eau Claire
     - The Chancellor is in process of drafting a letter to some of the legislators and will send to the UW community when finished
     - Staff are encouraged to write or call their legislators

Meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

Submitted by,

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