University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire
University Senate Executive Committee

Minutes from March 1, 2011
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Present:  Ned Beach, Patrick Day, Mitchell Freymiller, Andrea Gapko, Susan Harrison, Beth Hellwig, Patricia Kleine, Jennifer Lee, Scott Lowe, Rick Mickelson, Geoff Peterson, John Pollitz, Sheila Smith, Linda Spaeth, Marie Stadler

Absent:  Brian Levin-Stankevich, Rama Yelkur

Guests:  Marty Wood

The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:03 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 in the President’s Room of Davies Center.

1. Minutes of February 15, 2011 approved as distributed

2. Open Forum
   • Construction/Parking
     • There have been advertisements about the radical change to the Phillips parking lot
     • Suggestion that we operate the way it is done during summer orientation
       • Where we have people at the entrance of the Phillips lot to point out to the students that they cannot park in the lot any longer
     • Chair Harrison will pass this information along at the parking meeting
     • Once the HAAS lot is closed all faculty will have to park on the Water Street lot
     • During the construction phase of new building there will be new leadership
       • Chris Hessel, Mike Rindo and Terry Classen
     • A Pre-construction meeting just took place so now meetings should be scheduled for every other week
     • In terms of communication, a concerted effort will be made to inform those in the three buildings most affected
       • The dismantling and the amphitheatre are scheduled to be complete in 2013 and the construction of the building is scheduled to be complete by summer of 2012

3. Review of tentative agenda for March 8, 2011 meeting of University Senate
   • The Chancellor will not be present for the 3/8/2011 University Senate meeting so the item listed as 9. Special Report will be moved to agenda item 2 and listed as: Administration’s Remarks – “Preliminary” Status of the Budget Bill: What it might mean for UWEC

4. Miscellaneous Business
   • Statement on Professional Ethics
     • On more than one occasion the Chancellor has stated that he would like to see a statement of Professional Ethics on this campus
     • A handout given from AAUP: Statement on Professional Ethics
     • Questioning if UWEC would we like to adopt these 5 standards or they could be drafted differently
   • Motion regarding the resolution in support of a stronger relationship between University Senate and Student Senate
     • Draft language for Article Three: University Senate was circulated
     • Under Section H – Committee Organization it was suggested to take out the wording ex officio as well as the parenthesis around the word non-voting and to use the word accord instead of the word afford
     • Students can offer or suggest a motion during discussion but couldn’t actually make a motion as they are non-voting members
     • Our language is more free than their language in regard to our Chair’s speaking rights
     • Student Senate should adopt the same language that we are thinking about
     • Some of the students are being given more rights than the faculty that just so happen to not be members of the senate
If we are granting the President of the Student Senate more extended rights then we would want the speaking rights of the liaison eliminated

Deleting the liaisons’ rights make sense

Student Senate stated that other schools grant the same authority
  • This was not verified by Faculty/Staff and it is unsure if this authority is granted for other committees as well
  • Vice Chancellor Hellwig to check
  • Chair Harrison will forward, as edited, the language suggestions to the chairs of the affected committees for their feedback

5. Announcements
  • UWEC local 6481 is planning a protest at 5:14 p.m. every workday at the downtown city parking lot to support the 14 democrats who have left to Illinois
  • UW-La Crosse passed unionization

Meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Submitted by,

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