The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:05 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2011 in the President’s Room of Davies Center.

1. Minutes of March 1, 2011 approved as distributed

2. Open Forum
   - Half of the schools in the UW System have or will pass a motion endorsing the Wisconsin Idea Partnership
   - All but one also opposed the split of UW Madison from UW System
   - Questioning if this is something that we should do
     - Seems premature
     - Shouldn't endorse something that we have not seen
     - The summary has been edited and we do not know what the final product will be
     - We are the only comprehensive that did not come out in opposition
     - Opposing UW Madison from withdrawing is a good idea and would like to see it in writing
     - We usually do not do many resolutions at UWEC
     - We could come up with the wording as it is part of the budget and let the Wisconsin Idea Partnership evolve
     - We still need to fight for greater flexibility
     - Might be beneficial to pass a resolution to encourage flexibility
     - Should have a Resolution Update under the Faculty Representatives Report

3. Review of tentative agenda for March 29, 2011 meeting of University Senate
   - Approved as distributed with addition of: a. Resolution Update under the Faculty Representative’s Report

4. Discussion of AAUP Statement on Professional Ethics
   - Would love to see UWEC adopt their ethics handbook
   - This only applies to professors and seems that it should also include all professional employees
   - We should find or write our own report
   - Could use this as a guide with modifications
   - Chair Harrison to send an electronic version of the AAUP Statement to Senator Gapko and after it is reviewed it will be forwarded back to Chair Harrison and Senator Peterson for their thoughts

5. Motion(s) related to Student Speaking Rights on Committees and University Senate
   - Student Senate recommended that we use the wording: Student Body President rather than Student Senate President
   - As long as we give them the right then they give the Chair of the University Senate the right
     - Their wording is as follows:
       - The Student Senate Bylaws state: (7.03.2) Residence Hall Association and University Senate: The Senate, while asserting its own autonomy and recognizing the autonomy of the Residence Hall Association and the University Senate, extends the privileges of debating and introducing motions, but not voting, to the President of Residence Hall Association and the Chairman of the University Senate, respectively, for all such time as the Residence Hall Association and University
Senate, respectively, shall extend these same privileges to the president of the student body or their designee.
- Physical Plant Planning Committee does not have a problem allowing a student on that committee
- Technology Committee already had a student on the committee
- Budget Committee Chair stated that the committee would welcome a student
- Academic Policies Committee already has a student on that committee but it is not in the language

Motion by Senator Gapko to forward this language change that includes students as non voting members to the University Senate Committees to the University Senate, seconded and passed without dissention.

6. Clarification on holding officer positions when senate terms expire and on starting date for Vice Chair
   - Chair and Vice Chair start at the end of the academic year in odd years
   - Faculty Representative starts at the end of this May
   - Academic Staff Representative starts July 1
   - All 4 of the terms in University Senate expire simultaneously
   - There is language in the constitution about the Chair and the Vice Chair
     - If Senate term expires before their term of being an officer expires then they continue to be the officer/ex-officio until their term ends
     - If a regular senator’s term expires then the person gives up any committee seat
     - No language talking about faculty or academic staff representatives
     - Only a senator can be a rep
     - Vice Chair’s first duty is to attend the Chancellor’s Cabinet Meeting in May
     - Representatives’ terms should be clarified
     - Should stay in the position for two years regardless
     - Should be treated like the officer positions of Chair and Vice Chair
     - Chair Harrison to come back with language

7. Miscellaneous Business
   - None

8. Announcements
   - For informational purposes: The motion that was passed last April to change the Faculty and Academic Staff Representatives language was accidentally missed and not updated in the online version but it is now updated in the version to be released in July

Meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

 Submitted by,

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