University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire
University Senate Executive Committee
Minutes from April 5, 2011
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Present: Ned Beach, Patrick Day, Mitchell Freymiller, Andrea Gapko, Susan Harrison, Beth Hellwig, Patricia Kleine, Jennifer Lee, Brian Levin-Stankevich, Scott Lowe, Rick Mickelson Geoff Peterson, Linda Spaeth

Absent: John Pollitz, Sheila Smith, Marie Stadler, Rama Yelkur

Guests: Jacob Kampen, 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, April 5, 2011 in the President’s Room of Davies Center.

1. Minutes of March 15, 2011 approved as distributed

2. Open Forum
   - Readership Program
     - Comments by Jacob Kampen, Student Senate Finance Director
     - Also runs the newspaper program on campus
     - Faculty are using the newspapers that are part of the Student Readership program and this is not permitted under the student segregated fee guidelines
     - Wanted to do joint funding proposal with the faculty but as of this past fall this is not an option due to budget concerns
     - There is now a new program with USA Today, the NY Times and the Leader Telegram
     - Offered at 50 cents per copy, for example, for the NY Times
     - Working on payment collection system
     - Student Senate would not handle the faculty side of the program for marketing and etc.
     - Questioning if the University Senate or the Office of the Provost could handle this
     - Would like this in place before next September
     - Unsure if it will allow access to online version as well
     - Distribution and collection will go through the Service Center
     - Comment that it would be nice for whoever is collecting and distributing to take care of the marketing aspect as well
     - Library has papers available on their computers as well as the actual papers themselves that anyone can read
     - Provost Office contributes to the student readership program just in case an instructor uses an article in the classroom
     - Reinstatement of the BluGold Varsity Baseball at UWEC
     - Chair Harrison received a letter from the Eau Claire Baseball History Committee requesting support for reinstatement of BluGold varsity baseball at UWEC
     - The letter was forwarded to Bernard Duyfhuizen, Chair of the Athletic’s Blue Ribbon Committee, and VC Hellwig, Supervisor of Athletics, for review

3. Review of tentative agenda for April 12, 2011 meeting of University Senate
   - Approved as distributed with addition of the Position Term motion from the University Senate Executive Committee
   - NOTE: After approval, request for removing Administrator Search Committee motion from agenda received; item pulled.

4. Consideration of next steps in response to the Chancellor’s letter related to the smoking-policy motion
   - Chancellor stating that he would put together a group together to work on this
MOTION by Senator Lee to delay any official consultation until we receive the results of the proposed committee as outlined by the chancellor, seconded

Discussion
  • Names of those on the committee are unknown at this time

Vote on motion: PASSED without dissention

5. Language for clarification of the expiration of faculty rep and academic staff rep terms when their senate terms expire
  • No discussion

MOTION by Senator Gapko to forward this motion to the University Senate, seconded and PASSED without dissention

6. Miscellaneous Business
  • None

7. Announcements
  • Summer Leadership Institute
  • Will host our own Leadership Conference so more people can take advantage of this
  • Scheduled for May 23rd, Monday after commencement
  • Many faculty are not on contract over the summer
  • Numbers will be capped at 25 people from the university
  • Chancellor to address this group as well as the Provost and VC Hellwig
  • Anyone wanting to promote to a leadership role this would be a good opportunity for them
  • Will be announced tomorrow
  • Questions should be directed to VC Hellwig
  • Feedback
    • Concern that this is scheduled during the hours just prior to grades being due
    • Not a good date
  • Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs position
  • Graduate Dean work extracted from AVC job description because the position has had less than 1 percent of time dealing with graduate issues
  • Finalists coming to campus for interviews
  • More of an open house where one can ask questions and socialize
  • Provost has been asking people on campus what our graduate image on campus is and what our future for graduate studies looks like
  • Have a Graduate Council that represents every graduate program on campus
  • Also the deans in some colleges are running their own version of a graduate program
  • Issues with Undergraduate Admissions Office as they prioritize undergraduate applications but that is also where the graduate applications go
  • Have also had some programs that haven’t even come close to meeting the demands
  • Continuing Education does a lot of graduate work
  • UWEC has relied on 18-22 year olds to come to UWEC and the trend is going in the opposite direction
    • Have fewer undergraduates/traditional age students
    • Are losing our market share to Minnesota
      • This is where we have taken the greatest hit with undergraduates
    • Can’t continue to count on the traditional mix that we have always had
  • George Kroeninger recently left the university to go to the UW-Extension Office
  • Took the Graduate Dean piece away from the Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and want feedback about the creation of position that would oversee both graduate and extension work
That individual would be more entrepreneurial and could help us with our summer and winterim programs
- Have to add to our graduate mix of programs
- Biggest concerns are to keep both of those units together somehow
- Got to start being more entrepreneurial or will have to dig deeper into our waiting pool
- Most programs are regional but shouldn’t be limited by that
- Someone having the title of Dean of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education makes sense
- May be a good idea to talk to the Emeriti group as they would most likely be supportive
- University Planning Committee states that the key thing is to reach out
- Come to the Viennese Ball
- Generates scholarship money
- Tickets still left for Friday
- Please vote today

Meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Submitted by,

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