University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire
University Senate Executive Committee

Minutes from May 3, 2011
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Present: Ned Beach, Patrick Day, Mitchell Freymiller, Andrea Gapko, Susan Harrison, Beth Hellwig, Jennifer Lee, Brian Levin-Stankevich, Scott Lowe, Rick Mickelson, Geoff Peterson, John Pollitz, Sheila Smith, Linda Spaeth, Marie Stadler, Rama Yelkur

Absent: Patricia Kleine

Guests: Dave Gessner, Dylan Jambrek, Mark Morgan, Mike Wick

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

1. Minutes of April 19, 2011 approved as distributed

2. Exploration of forming formal governance committee (composed of faculty, academic staff, students) to hear proposal related to University Student Center operations – Student Body President Dylan Jambrek
   • Asking if faculty, academic and classified staff would like to have input on a governance committee that would be advisory to the University Centers overall
   • If something involving IRR then faculty would like to be involved
     • If not related to academics then probably not
   • Should go to whoever created the advisory committee in the first place
     • What bylaw or constitution is this part of so who has the authority to change it
     • Might be in the policy of Student Centers or University Centers so that is where one would go to change the make-up of a committee

3. Open Forum
   • None

4. Review of tentative agenda for May 10, 2011 meeting of University Senate
   • Approved as distributed

5. Brain Storm session for policies and issues to be tackled in 2011-2012
   • Classified Staff Council
     • Wondering if we should be thinking about how to work with that group as we have common issues

6. Recap the emergency meeting process
   • Last year we had one meeting during the summer because we had something that needed to be voted on
   • This is the body that does act if the senate needs to process anything or if the Chancellor/Provost need input
   • Term of office for the Executive Committee members does not end until after summer

7. Miscellaneous Business
   • None

8. Announcements
   • Congratulations to the Student Senate as they passed a pilot project last evening
     • A Saturday evening shuttle service for our students as public transportation ends at 6 p.m.
     • On this pilot bus, students can get prizes and there will be a student rider
     • Some of the stops will include the movie theatre, Festival Foods, Target, and Borders
     • Asking staff to please promote it as we would like to see it be a success; it promotes sustainability
     • Will promote at orientation and to the first year freshman
     • Received a small amount of grant money and the Student Senate took money out of its segregated fee fund to help support
• Will work with the Student Transit Service and would love to see it become part of the city bus service
• Student Transit is willing to take the route
• Was a problem in the past because couldn’t find those willing to work the 6:30pm-2:30 am Saturday night shift
• Proud of efforts that Jennifer and her team have made
  • Received a NCAA Choices Grant to work with athletics and alcohol
• Test on emergency preparedness
  • Survey is to be sent out and Mike Wick is writing protocol
• House Calls Program
  • This coming year Quincy Chapman will be a part of the House Calls Program and was hoping that the Executive Committee might consider participating again
  • Going to start recruiting again soon
• Yesterday the Governor put out a letter congratulating state and UW employees on their great work
  • Having an Appreciation week and starting a recognition program for those that go above and beyond
  • An email will be sent out shortly explaining
• Classified Council
  • Part of our Gold Arrows and a way to create a voice for classified staff
  • Have Jack Connell coming to cabinet meetings but he can’t represent all
  • Donna Weber has worked hard on recruiting and got a lot of responses
  • Still trying to get blue collar representation
    • Fear it is hesitancy for reaction of supervisors
  • No formal shared governance mandate for classified staff
  • What other forms would be appropriate
    • Should include them in some way that is meaningful for them
  • Over summer they will try to create bylaws for themselves

9. Consultation with the Chancellor regarding appointments to the University Planning Committee. Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (c) the committee contemplates going into closed session for the purpose of appointments.

MOVED and seconded that the committee go into closed session under Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (c) to discuss appointments to the University Planning Committee.

Motion PASSED unanimously without objection from the following voting members: Ned Beach, Patrick Day, Mitchell Freymiller, Andrea Gapko, Susan Harrison, Jennifer Lee, Scott Lowe, Rick Mickelson, Geoffrey Peterson, John Pollitz, Sheila Smith, Linda Spaeth, Marie Stadler, and Rama Yelkur

Meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Submitted by,

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