The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:05 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 in the President’s Room of Davies Center.

1) Minutes of May 3, 2011 approved as distributed

2) Open Forum
   • None

3) Discussion of Order of Business for the 48th Session of University Senate
   • Discussion that some would still like to have 2 readings but the rest of the suggested order of business is liked
   • Like the reports online but should make sure that it is easily accessed
     • This would improve the reports of the committees

4) Review of tentative agenda for September 13, 2011 meeting of University Senate
   • Like the idea of taking nominations from the floor
   • Suggestion of having training interspersed among the elections for the new senators
     • Newly elected senators should have a training session so they feel more comfortable
   • Should provide a link to or provide written summary of committee responsibilities
   • If nominees are not on the ballot then in essence they are saying that they have faith that the remaining committee members can do the job
   • If there are no nominees then the positions will remain vacant
   • Committees should meet to elect a chair immediately following adjournment of the University Senate meeting
   • The library would like to present open access publishing for information, discussion and questions
     • Will be placed on the agenda

5) Discussion of current Senate membership positions
   • If it is decided by departments to not fill an IAS position then that is their call and the positions should be kept vacant and their positions should be counted towards our numbers

6) Reflections on Senate workshop held 8/29
   • Thought it was fascinating that many didn’t want to give up responsibilities but still wanted the meetings shorter
   • In early October the suggested items will be brought to the Executive Committee
     • University Senate can vote on the items being brought forward

7) Discussion of the use of fifth Tuesdays
   • Have one in November and it will be used for a full governance discussion
   • January has 5 Tuesdays but we do not act until after the spring opener
8) Miscellaneous Business and Announcements

- A UWEC Rep on System Working Group on Compensation needs to be replaced and the Chancellor had been recently notified of this vacancy.
- Last year the language involving Administrative searches changed.
  - It now states that the Executive Committee should see a draft of the position description.
  - A draft position description was provided by the Provost.
  - Comments or suggestions are to be forwarded to the Provost.
- It was questioned if anything is being done to educate students on the Chippewa River and its dangers.
  - Mike Green coming to speak and all are invited to attend this event.
  - Most of the focus on campus is with 1st year students.
  - Jennifer Lee is open to suggestions to reach the over 21 age students.
  - Parents are being engaged as well.
  - Rivers are a different kind of body of water that many do not understand.
  - Height of the rails on the water street side is a concern.
    - This has been brought up in the past.
    - Told that the problem is that it is not really owned by the city or UWEC.
    - This is still being looked into.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

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