The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:05 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 in the Arrowhead Room of Davies Center.

1) Minutes of April 17, 2012 approved as distributed

2) Open Forum
   • Welcome and congratulations to our new Chair-elect, Mitch Freymiller

3) Review of tentative agenda for May 8, 2012 meeting of University Senate
   • Approved as amended
   • Under reports add an item c: University Personnel Structures and give time for questions
   • Rename the A & S Reorganization motion to: Procedures for College Reorganization
   • Pull Topic of the Day
   • Add another survey under New Business (see End of Year Senate Survey)

4) End of Year Senate Survey
   • Would like to ask if the topic of the day worked well and suggestions for future topics of the day
   • Questioning if our mechanisms are adequate enough to allow faculty and staff to foster the kinds of open and transparent conversations that need to happen about big topic issues
   • Senate could have a 10 minute Open Forum
   • The Executive Committee is used to dissect what topics should go to the entire Senate
   • Don’t want to promote a time for ranting and raving
   • 10 minutes wouldn’t be adequate anyway
   • Could have another survey that asks if there is something that would have made you a more effective senator
   • Was the retreat beneficial
   • What kinds of things would you like to see different
   • Anything that would facilitate and foster conversation
   • More arenas for people to speak

5) Discussion about UW System’s Decision to Disband the Compensation Advisory Committee
   • Wanted to make the Executive Committee aware that this committee has been disband
   • Chair Harrison to ask if the Supplemental Pay Plan would be included in budget talks

6) Additional Bylaw Changes
   • Chair Harrison still wants to talk with the Nominating Committees
   • In the fall we may want to look at the possibility of discussing governance rights for classified staff

7) Announcements
   • Be ready in the summer in case we need to have a meeting
   • Transparency
• Chair Harrison commented that Dr. Bousquet seems to be transparent as he brought her attention to an article that spoke of the possibilities of his position currently at UW Madison and what is happening surrounding that position
• Seems that he really wants to help us and be transparent in the process
• Chair Harrison does not have a link to this article
  • Link to be forwarded to Chair Harrison from Senator Lee for the Dr. Bousquet article
• Sadly had a student death this weekend
  • One of the questions asked was if we had any counseling available on the weekend
  • We have a partnership with some of the counseling areas in the community
  • So there is access to counseling
  • The phone number is: 211
    • That in an event of any mental health emergency there is somebody that one could contact
  • Will most likely try and promote that more
  • Our Counseling Center also tries to reach out
  • Was a former member of the women’s tennis team so both the men’s and women’s tennis teams have really been impacted

8) Consultation with Administration regarding appointment(s) to the University Planning Committee. Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (c) the committee contemplates going into closed session for the purpose of discussion/appointment(s)

MOVED and seconded that the committee go into closed session under Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1)(c) to discuss appointment(s) to the University Planning Committee.

Motion PASSED unanimously without objection from the following voting members: Patrick Day, Mitchell Freymiller, Susan Harrison, Paul Kaldjian, Jennifer Lee, Rick Mickelson, Geoff Peterson, John Pollitz, Mitra Sadeghpour, Sheila Smith, Linda Spaeth, Marie Stadler, Katie Wilson, Rama Yelkur

9) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Secretary of the University Senate