University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire  
University Senate Executive Committee  

Minutes from September 4, 2012  
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Present: Gilles Bousquet, Mitchell Freymiller, Susan Harrison, Beth Hellwig, Paul Kaldjian, Patricia Kleine, Rick Mickelson, Geoff Peterson, John Pollitz, Linda Spaeth, Katie Wilson, Rama Yelkur

Absent: Patrick Day, Mitra Sadeghpour, Marie Stadler

Guests:

The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:05 p.m. on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 in the Centennial Room (Room 320) of Davies Center.

1) Minutes of May 1, 2012 approved as distributed

2) Open Forum
   • Parking Issue
     • An Exec. member received an email request from a faculty that if possible parking should step up the level of enforcement
     • Extend Hibbard Lot time for faculty parking to 4 p.m.
     • It is a confusing time and is a weird situation right now
     • There is typically a grace period the first couple days of classes
     • Parking is diligent in giving tickets
     • Verizon as a phone carrier
     • Other carriers may be involved as well
     • May not get good reception in Davies
     • Looking at getting another tower
     • Working with the provider
     • Submitted a proposal about 6 weeks ago

3) Discussion of Order of Business for the 49th Session of University Senate
   • Change Chancellor’s Remarks to Administrator Remarks
   • Questioning if verbal reports should be brought back
     • Needs to be kept short
     • About 50% would like a verbal report
     • Will let the Chair’s know that a short verbal report will again be allowed
     • Are there reports that do not need a person to present them?
     • Should only bring up controversial items

4) Review of tentative agenda for September 11, 2012 meeting of University Senate
   • Change Chancellor’s Remarks to Administrator Remarks

5) Reflections on Senate Workshop held 8/27
   • Want to promote the uniqueness of UWEC
   • Encourage the Exec. members to send it out to their departments
   • So much richness in the out-of-classroom experiences
   • Video was thought provoking
   • The goal is to not become what they are suggesting
   • Immersion experiences cannot be replicated online
   • Goal was to start discussion

6) Use of the fifth Tuesdays and Topic of the Day
   • Open Forums to continue on the fifth Tuesday’s
   • Ideas as to what Topics will be discussed
• System Personnel
  • If that fits in then it might be appropriate

7) Implications of UF vs. F and UAS vs. AS for committees
  • We should be as flexible as we can
  • Go forth with the elections and we will change the language as soon as we can

8) Transition of Academic Staff and Faculty Rep positions to match newly adopted term timeframes
  • Reaffirm in Senate that the terms for the reps would go until 2014 instead of the position being filled until 2013
  • Contact the Nominating Committee to let them know that the term for AS Rep expires in 2014
  • May want to consider revising the bylaws in the future to distribute areas of representation
  • Do we want to affirm the extension of an additional year or have an election
    • If we have an election for the 13-14 year
      • We have to rely on our Faculty Reps to bring back information
      • A new rep will struggle to keep up as the issues are much more vivid
      • Is a problem getting the message back
      • Someone should not be brought in for one year
      • Stability trumps diversity
      • Consistency should outweigh
      • Keep this concept in mind when rewriting the bylaws

9) Faculty and Academic Staff Rules and Procedures: Copies for Executive Committee members
  • Perfectly fine with electronic copies
  • Provost could cover the expenses
  • Committees should have electronic access to the Handbook
    • Might be useful for chairs to have an I Pad
    • The Technology people should be here to help us
    • This should be worked into the budget

10) Announcements
  • Eau Cares House Calls Programs will continue
    • Hope to get good representation
    • Last year the students signed up for it
    • Talk with your colleagues to see if they are interested
  • As of May 1st the Campus Smoking Policy went into effect
    • Signage is pending
    • The concern is the smokers that won’t move
    • There are no receptacles for the cigarette butts
    • Some are also smoking on the green roof
    • Signs will be put up there as well
  • Thanks to Beth Hellwig and Chancellor Bousquet for the Athletic tickets again this year
  • Grand Opening of Davies is on the 28th of September
    • The soft opening went well
    • Student Health Services hears from parents about the students that leave so it is nice to have activities
    • The food court wait is terrible

Meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Submitted by,
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