Present:  Cindy Albert, Cathy Berry, Gilles Bousquet, Julie Eklund, Mitchell Freymiller, Susan Harrison, Beth Hellwig, Paul Kaldjian, Patricia Kleine, Mike Morrison, Geoff Peterson, John Pollitz, Sherrie Serros, Linda Spaeth, Katie Wilson, Rama Yelkur

Absent:  Mary La Rue

Guests:  Gail Scukanec

The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:02 p.m. on Tuesday, October 2, 2012 in the Centennial Room (Room 320) of Davies Center.

1) Minutes of September 18, 2012 approved as distributed

2) Ten-minute Open Forum for any member of Faculty or Academic Staff to speak to the Committee
   • Parking and Facilities to address disposal of batteries
     • Should be part of sustainability on campus
     • Would be nice to have a policy
     • Senator Pollitz was aware of a few locations and will send information on the disposal locations
       • There are two receptacles
         • One is in the library and the other is in the Hilltop Center
         • The Student Office of Sustainability is in charge of those: http://www.uwec.edu/StudentSenate/commissions/sos/
         • Here is an email address for the group: mailto:uwecycling@gmail.com
   • Handicap accessibility doors in the new Davies Center
     • Was reported that the restrooms do not seem to be handicap accessible
     • Questioning all of the other buildings that we are building
     • Someone in a wheelchair should not have to wait for someone else to open the door to the restroom for them
     • Reported we are in compliance and are trying to go above the standards
   • Concerns about the landscaping between Schofield and the new Davies Center
     • Currently seeking a copy of the plan
   • Open Forum tonight for the LGBTQ Community at 5:00 p.m.

3) Review of tentative agenda for October 9, 2012 meeting of University Senate
   • Addition of a motion from the Faculty Personnel Committee: Appeal of Tenure Denial Decision
   • Addition of Faculty Reps Report

4) Discussion of PPPC liaison to Confluence Project
   • A draft memo was read by Chair Harrison requesting that a liaison be identified from the PPPC to the Confluence project
   • Committee comments: What are the most appropriate ways to have open and transparent development of this project
     • Things are murky
     • It was stated that this has been in the works for over a year and then in another comment it was stated that the PPPC was not contacted because they did not think they would be around over the summer
     • Something doesn’t fit with what was stated
     • Are there other ways to involve the PPPC
     • For example, reporting requirements or regular opportunities for the members of the PPPC to meet with the university officials who are involved with this project as there are governance issues as well and campus climate issues
- If the intent is to bring as many as 350 of our fine arts students away from campus then that changes the constitution of students on campus; that has implications
- We need to be intentional about these things because a lot of our students don’t go to Haas simply because it is across the river
- It is wonderful that we are trying to leverage money and that we are working with the city and working for the arts but a procedure should be put in place to help us take an intentional approach to bring us closer to our mission and goals and what are students need and say that they need
- If a liaison works then that is fine but still need some sort of reporting and make sure that the PPCP has access to information
  - Someone from Art and Music & Theatre should have a temporary position on the PPCP at least as far as it involves this project; Currently there is an arts faculty position on the committee
- There is a whole advisory board that has representation with quite a few faculty and nothing has been decided
- This has not gone any further than the conceptual stage
- It is important that the fine arts students are interacting with non-fine arts students as well
- As the Executive Director of the Chippewa Valley Jazz Orchestra, we have been having large meetings with all the arts groups as well as a variety of university staff
  - The university is pretty well represented
- Of the 20 that responded from the survey 18 were excited, 1 abstained and 1 person who was not excited
- Didn’t believe that it was 3 minutes by bus
  - Schedules need to be adjusted
  - More space will be available in the education building for classrooms
  - More of the space will be used for studios
- Maybe the PPCP should discuss and look over a process and talk to Senator Kaldjian if need additional information
- Looking at additional faculty representation as well

5) **UW System Compensation Rep on the University Senate Compensation Committee**
- It was previously confirmed that the Fringe Benefits group still exists
- This motion cleans up the language

Moved and seconded to send this motion forward to the Senate, PASSED without dissention.

6) **Executive Committee Membership**
- It is hard to fill vacancies on committees
- Maybe the requirements are to strict
- There are very few committees where the chairs are predetermined
- One could understand the need to ensure membership
- Because the Executive Committee serves as a representative to faculty and academic staff and represents on behalf of the Senate then we should have the same make-up, percentage wise, as the Senate
- Option “a” seems more stable in terms of numbers
- The easiest way would be to ignore who is on the committee in terms of officers and faculty/academic staff representatives
- Often times it scares people away with so many requirements
- If we look at our current membership and count the officers, look where they are from then they should count toward the membership of that college/school
- We could say one from each college/school
- Would like to keep the at-large positions
- We should keep the officers plus 14
- The committee must have membership from each of the colleges
- Important to retain representation from each college
- Easier to keep track of membership numbers
• Total size will fluctuate yearly based on when ‘elects’ serve on the committee
• Option “b” is with the sentence that we must have membership from each of the colleges

Moved and seconded to send this motion forward, as amended, to the Senate. PASSED without dissention

7) Discussion of Faculty Status
   • If there is no other implication(s) and this is being done for simplicity than go ahead
   • Have not yet contacted IAS with faculty status to obtain their input
   • The way the language is presented then IAS could not vote on curricular issues in Senate
     • But a statement could be made that allows IAS to vote on curricular issues in Senate
     • Want IAS to be able to retain their right(s) to vote in Senate on curricular issues
   • Could make the membership on committees available to IAS with faculty status if deemed appropriate
   • Chair Harrison to continue to look at the language

8) Difficulty in maintaining voting eligibility records
   • It is not working well under the current system
   • The above language (Faculty Status) will help simplify these records

9) Announcements
   • Printed handbooks would be helpful for the representatives
   • Increased contribution to retirements
   • Thank everyone who participated in UW Eau Claire’s Eau Cares House Call Program
     • Students and hall directors enjoyed it
     • Feedback was positive
   • Standard policy for motions is two reading and if we don’t suspend the rules then we have two readings so are there any objections to having a statement that the chair can say unless there is an objection then we can vote on it today?
     • No concerns brought forward

Meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Submitted by,
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