A meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Harrison at 4:02 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 in the Oneida Room of Davies Center.

1) Minutes of April 30, 2013 approved as distributed

2) Minutes of the May 7, 2013 University Senate meeting approved as distributed

3) Ten-minute Open Forum for any member of Faculty or Academic Staff to speak to the Committee
   - None

4) Chair’s Report: Update on University Senate motions
   - Motions that have been signed/approved were:
     - The Authority to Update Position References in the Handbook
     - Elimination of the Atlantis Mobility Study Abroad Program
     - Establishing Hong Kong Polytechnic Program Study Abroad Program
     - Establishing the City University Study Abroad Program
     - The LE Reform motion has been held for further consideration
     - Is looked at favorably; administration wants to watch it in stages
     - It is still contingent upon being able to implement it so this seems to still be within that spirit
     - The message behind it is that we are moving forward
     - There is a lot happening this summer as all the department chairs will be briefed on what will be happening this summer and there are 37 faculty members that are developing the rubrics by which we will be assessing whether these courses fit into the new Liberal Education Core and there is another group is working on what is anticipated to be placed in the core
     - Departments Chairs are being kept in the loop the whole way
     - The spirit is one of consultation
     - Looks like everyone is all on the same page but there are still pieces to be worked out
     - Because a question was brought up on what determines if satisfactory progress has not been made and what options are then available it was stated that this can be opened back up if deemed appropriate

After consultation, it was MOVED and seconded that the University Senate Executive Committee accept that Liberal Education Reform motion has been held for further consideration and that the status of the motion be reviewed by the Senate Executive Committee in February 2014, PASSED

5) Update on University Issues – Chancellor and Provost
   - Budget Update
     - Budget is now on the Governor’s table
     - System requested a 1 and 1 percent pay plan and it would be partly self-funded by the campuses
     - Still want to see what part of GPR could be applied to the pay plan
• There may be a budget repair bill in the second year but it is unlikely
• We need to repair and rebuild in this two years
• There is a difference in the way that the legislators see the campuses versus the System
• Would be great if we could have flexibility to the campuses
• In January 2014 the retirement contribution will be going up and will be employee paid
  • Goes to 14 total, 7 and 7
• As far as the healthcare, there will be a $50 tobacco use per month charge and there will be a huge fine if you lie
  • Took away the penalty of losing your insurance but they still will charge you
  • Had also heard that it can only cover 88% of each tier
  • It will have a much greater impact on those that make less
• Dave Gessner will be giving updates
• Collaboration among the campuses will not be good as everyone is competing
  • Some of the campuses are really struggling
• The only positive is that the last installment of differential tuition here at UWEC was exempt from the freeze

6) Consultation regarding University Planning Committee appointments and other items. Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (c) the committee contemplates going into closed session for the purpose of discussion

It was with no objection that the committee go into closed session under Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (c) to discuss possible members.

Without objection from the following voting members: Cathy Berry, Julie Eklund, Mitchell Freymiller, Susan Harrison, Paul Kaldjian, Mike Morrison, John Pollitz, Linda Spaeth, Katie Wilson, Theresa Wells

7) Announcements
  • None

Meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Submitted by,
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