The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Freymiller at 3:05 p.m. on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 in the Centennial Room (Room 320) of Davies Center.

1) Minutes of September 17, 2013 approved as amended
   • The Handicap Access Pads language in the minutes was clarified

2) Open Forum
   • Handicap Access Pads
     • The issue is large push pads versus smaller buttons
     • A committee member observed a handicapped person trying to gain access to McPhee, but unable to do so because a small push button was needed for access
       • A work order has been placed for McPhee
     • Updates need to be made in this area
     • A suggestion was made to call the building manager
     • An issue in Phillips was also mentioned but it was not noted if a work order had been completed
   • Facilities closed off the east doors to Schneider Hall without telling anyone and people got caught in the fenced area and could not get out
   • Television Channels in Davies
     • Thanks to Jason Anderson for following up on the question about channel availability in Davies Center
     • Question regarding freedom for students to choose channels; how is it achieved and how can it be responsibly managed by us
       • Resident Housing and Student Senate are putting together a new survey because they want more student input as well as cost impacts
         • This will most likely push things back for another year
         • Then we will contract for just the “wanted” channels
     • The students are paying the Centers bill so it is their choice; staff in Centers are not comfortable dictating which channels to view
       • The Centers Advisory Board could advise the Centers’ staff differently and then Centers’ staff would take that direction
     • There has been a self-monitoring system in place
     • This has not been an issue thus far
     • Channel guides have not been used, but they are available and will be posted
     • Mobile To Go may be available in the future as well
     • Graphic Design Department is working on how to feature what programming options are available
   • Designated smoking area map was found and Chair Freymiller will contact building coordinators to see if they are having any issues with the designated areas
     • A discussion with Chancellor Schmidt will take place if changes are in order
     • Student body president is interested in doing a better job of informing the campus on where they can smoke
     • Chair Freymiller will continue to follow up
   • An interim building coordinator should be “appointed” for Hibbard as she is currently on sabbatical
3) Review of tentative agenda for September 24, 2013 meeting of University Senate
   • Some of the committee vacancies may change prior to the meeting

4) Discussion about Senate committee size and vacancies
   • Difficult to fill senate committees
   • Handout represents senate committees only
   • Chair Freymiller will talk to each senate committee to see if the size of the committee is working or if they want to make changes
   • Size needs to be revisited as well as why these committees are important, because right now some are questioning the value of shared governance
     • It is hard to be motivated when legislators are attacking the concept of shared governance
   • A comment was made that as long as we don’t overreact to the issue, the legislature may leave it alone
   • Classified staff already have a place on some senate committees

5) Revised Calendar Proposal
   • Housing brought this forward initially
   • Students are on campus Labor Day weekend and this draws them to Water Street
   • Chair Freymiller’s proposal was introduced with a handout and explanation
   • It deserves some discussion
   • The class time may be too long to keep the students attention
   • Curious if other schools have the 60/90 minute blocks
     • Stout does a 58 minute block
   • Like the idea of 7 additional classes, but would need more hours of preparing
   • At the 6 or 7 week mark it would be nice to have a break
   • Having the semesters be standard was the priority
   • 13 weeks had not been considered and was stated that we could go 14/14
   • The students would be taking on a slightly more accelerated pace
   • It merits discussion
   • Can be brought to Senate as a Topic of the Day
   • Classroom space was brought up as a concern

6) Announcements
   • October 17th – 19th the West Lakes Association of American Geographers Conference is scheduled
     • Michael Perry is a speaker for Thursday, October 17th and Gene Yang is scheduled to speak on Saturday, October 19th
     • This is a great way to promote the university, subject, and discipline
     • The Chippewa Valley Book Festival is also happening at the same time

7) Consultation with the Provost regarding personnel matters. 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 personnel matters.

   Without objection from the following voting members: Cindy Albert, Jason Anderson, Cathy Berry, Julie Eklund, Mitch Freymiller, Paul Kaldjian, Mary La Rue, Mike Morrison, Abe Nahm, Sherrie Serros, Katie Wilson

Meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Submitted by,

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