Present: Cindy Albert, Jason Anderson, Cathy Berry, Mitch Freymiller, Marc Goulet, Beth Hellwig, Paul Kaldjian, Patricia Kleine, Mary La Rue, Cheryl Lapp, Mike Morrison, Abe Nahm, Geoffrey Peterson, Jean Pratt, James Schmidt, Sherrie Serros, Katie Wilson, Marty Wood

Absent: Julie Eklund, Martin Hanifin, Rose Jadack, Ganga Vadhavkar

Guests: Greg Falkenberg

The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Freymiller at 3:05 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 in the Old Library 1128.

1) Minutes of April 15, 2014 were approved as distributed

2) Open Forum
   - Student Health Services RFP
     - Will be meeting with the bidding companies within the next several weeks
     - There were two companies that put in proposals
     - Student Health Services will meet with the same four people to be able to talk about what their proposal would be and shall they continue to offer services to our
       - James Schmidt, Beth Hellwig, Bryan Larson, Joe Abhold
     - Goal will be to look at all the information put before us and consult with others before a decision is made
     - Student Health Services has had the opportunity to look at the details and has been privy to all the information of the other proposals because they were part of the evaluation team
     - Thank you for the good work on the LE Reform
     - Appreciate that the Executive Committee came together and worked out a compromise
     - The Chancellor will have an answer/response back soon
     - All the comments were all about doing the right thing for the students
       - We are privileged to be in this environment
   - Budget and Finance
     - Given the political environment and the cash balances at UW System universities, the Chancellor is doing the best he can to inform people about the intricacies of how Wisconsin does Budget and Finance
     - Wants it to be understandable and transparent and will be testing a format to do that
       - Once he has a successful management tool, he will share with legislators
     - It is important that the public understands how the institution works
     - The Chancellor has full confidence in this campus and its ability to serve the students
     - Trying to understand how UW System responds to institutions that try to do better for their students
     - Another question is the financial position of the institution and where we really stand
       - Do we have a structural deficit or structural surplus
     - Where do our cash balances exist and what restrictions are placed on them?
       - Have asked David Miller (UW System Senior Vice President for Administration) to come to campus to work through that with the team
     - Because of vetoes and changes last year, we entered this fiscal year with a $3.1 million structural deficit
       - Dave Gessner recommended move forward without making base cuts in this current year
         - The intention was to take some of the surplus tuition and spend that down
           - By the end of the year we will have made a small dent in the cash reserves
• The original recommendation was to do this for two years hoping that circumstances would change
  • May need to call on shared governance this summer to look further into our budget and finances; by the end of the following year we need to figure out what we want to do about our $3.1 million dollar structural deficit
  • We may need to make cuts and look for additional revenues
  • Intend to work with shared governance this summer and work with the entire campus later
• Admission Staff are working hard with the Enrollment Management Team
  • Thanks to faculty and staff involved
  • The last report said we are closing the gap from last year
  • A couple of months ago we were about 200 students short and now we are only about 20 students short
• Would like to make a decision prior to the last University Senate meeting on LE Reform

3) Review of the tentative agenda for the May 6, 2014 meeting of the University Senate

Moved and seconded that the vote on the academic year calendar be inclusive of all senators in attendance

Debate
• Support the motion, but have concern over precedence
• Because it impacts everyone on campus everyone should be able to vote
  • This policy should be looked at and clarified in the future
• The reduction in the number of teaching days is a curricular issue
• Question was posed if moving Winterim was discussed
  • If we move things around, then we end up with a quarter system again
  • The longer the winter break, the better retention we have
• This is a curricular issue and a university issue
• There are schools in UW System where this question does not come before governance at all
• It certainly affects curriculum, but that does not mean that only faculty should vote on this
• An explanation and endorsement would be a good idea
• Because it is located in the Academic Policies section of the Faculty and Academic Staff Rules and Procedures, Immediate Past Chair Harrison came up with her interpretation
• Because of the magnitude of the proposal, the full Senate should vote on it

Motion was made to move the question, seconded

Vote to move the question: PASSED

Vote on motion: PASSED

•  Academic Policies Committee would like to bring forward two motions in anticipation
  • Responsibility 1 Diversity Outcome
  • 3-Credit Design For Diversity Requirement
• Agenda approved as amended

4) University Mission Statement Update
• The issue is that we need to list the programs that we offer
• Provost is still waiting to hear from System Legal
• We were told what we were supposed to specify our Doctor of Nursing Practice degree
  • It was stated that each comprehensive institution could offer one doctoral program
  • However, two of our sister schools, who have their one doctoral program, have put forth another doctoral program, so we are now asking for clarification
• They want to see what programs we offer put up front
• Need to check about “pure and applied sciences”, but need to give ourselves flexibility
• Comments and suggestions were heard
• Tried to keep things parallel
5) Announcements

- Monday, May 5th from noon to 1 will be the Annual Day of Remembrance
- Retirement of Senator Morrison
  - His party will be next Tuesday from 2-4
- Last meeting of the Executive Committee
- Katie and Geoff have expiring terms on Executive Committee, but will continue as reps
- The Athletic Director finalists should be brought in within the next 10 days or so
  - This will be advertised
- Thanks to everyone on the Executive Committee for contributing to the effectiveness of the Chair

Meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Submitted by,

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