The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Freymiller at 3:06 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 in the Council Oak Room of Davies Center.

1) Minutes of September 2, 2014 approved as distributed

2) Open Forum
   - Welcome new Executive Committee members
   - Centennial Hall roof on the 3rd floor should be green, if structure allows
     - Jason Anderson will bring this up at the next PPC meeting
     - Gail Scukanec might also be able to provide some insight
   - Bus Stop on Park Avenue
     - This is really a problem because students crowd the hallway in Centennial Hall when it rains or when cold weather arrives
     - City of Eau Claire might be responsible for the bus stop
     - Ric Gonzales might be a good contact

3) Review of tentative agenda for September 23, 2014 meeting of the University Senate
   - Nominees/changes/additions will be amended as appropriate, otherwise approved
   - Senate meeting may be canceled/postponed depending on the number of elections to be held

4) Senate Committee Reorganization
   - University Assessment Committee is the only committee that has all appointed members
     - Is open for amendments
   - Language of the ASPC could better parallel that for Faculty Personnel committee
   - University Senate membership language should be used for clarification in each of the committees

   Recommended that this proposal be put into a motion format and brought back to the Executive Committee for review

5) Inclusion of E-Cigarettes in our Smoking Policy
   - Electronic cigarettes are not regulated like tobacco products
   - World Health Organization did a study and evidence suggests that E-cigarette vapor can contain nicotine, toxins, and particles in addition to just water vapor
   - E-cigarettes should be restricted for indoor use
   - Current UWEC smoking policy does not include E-cigarettes, nor does our outdoor policy
   - These products have been used in classrooms
   - Should we amend our policy to include E-cigarettes?
     - World Health Organization report could be used as our basis
     - Chair Freymiller asked that the text of the document be forwarded to all members of the Executive Committee and Senator Wilson volunteered to send out the summary
   - E-cigarettes are unregulated because they are not a tobacco product and are not lit
Many campuses that have passed new tobacco policies have included E-cigarettes in their policies

E-cigarettes are electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS)

It isn’t up to Executive committee to decide, but we could amend our smoking policy
  Chancellor ultimately decides
  Student Senate is also looking at amending the smoking policy
  Classified Staff also needs to be included in any discussion about smoking policy

UWEC allows smoking in designated areas, but these areas are not well defined and there is a problem with enforcement

We need to help smokers make a transition to quit smoking
  Insurance coverage for Sodexo staff may not include smoking cessation products and they are the largest smoking population on campus

This issue should be forwarded to PPPC to determine whether any action should be taken
  We need background information to see how other UW institutions are addressing this issue
  Other campuses that have become tobacco-free made sure funding was available for smoking cessation items
  Challenge is what to do for smokers and how to work with them

6) Announcements

   Voting
     UWEC student IDs are not valid for voting under the new law
     Student Senate is aware of this problem and will be addressing it
   Shared Governance group met today and it was suggested that we could use the 5th Tuesday (September 30th) for Budget and Finance
     Want to be transparent and communicate our situation clearly
     Trying to simplify things
     Trying to get all the materials ready by September 30th, but we will have Forums at some time
     Structural Budget Deficit is our biggest concern
     Some details were discussed, but more will be provided in any upcoming Forums

   Flu Shot clinics are going to start soon
     $20 for staff and faculty; will be held in the Maple Lounge of Davies Center
     More information available on the Student Health Services website

   Book Groups in CETL
     What Does it Mean to be White? Developing White Racial Literacy starts this Thursday in CETL

   Campus Harvest Food Bank
     An increasing number of students have taken advantage of this, because it really benefits our students
     Campus Harvest brochures, flyers, or posters for buildings would be helpful
       Julie Carr or Student Affairs would have brochures

   A farmers’ market on campus would be nice

   Eau Cares House Call Program
     This will be our fifth annual program and we are currently recruiting faculty and staff
     It is an outreach program that gives us an opportunity to meet students and show them that we care about them and that they are supported; good retention effort

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Submitted by,

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