
Absent: Holly Hassemer, Jerry Hoepner, Douglas Olson

Guests: Mike Carney, Charles Farrell, Paul Kaldjian, Tessa Perchinsky, Jake Wrasse

Regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Freymiller at 3:03 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 in the Council Oak Room of Davies Center.

1) Approval of the Minutes of September 15, 2015
   - Approved as distributed

2) Ten Minute Open Forum
   - Active Shooter training for Faculty and instructional academic staff
     - Having training was discussed years ago, but there were objections to it; should there be a discussion in Senate to determine whether there is support for training at this time
     - Chancellor would welcome a show of interest

3) Review of tentative agenda for October 13, 2015 meeting of University Senate
   - Approved as amended
   - Peace Corps Program materials to be moved to a “For the Record” item

4) Consultation with Charles Farrell regarding Dining Contract RFP
   - Currently a working draft, but once it is finalized it will be released by the state
   - Our food service contract is worth about $12 million per year
   - When Einstein’s opened in Centennial, coffee cart in Hibbard was eliminated because investment and benefit were not financially sound
   - Nutritional value of the food remains constant from contract to contract, but we need to be intentional about the food that we offer our students here on campus
     - Food service should meet our intentions and our needs
     - Connections to our local community should matter
     - Challenge ourselves to encourage lifestyle changes
   - Sodexo pays its employees and food service workers better wages than they could earn in the greater Eau Claire community
     - Minimum wage is too low and student wage is too low
     - Should treat all workers with respect and model better behavior to set a higher standard

5) Discussion of University Senate Representation
   - Chair Freymiller will look at the numbers from 2014, which seem to be incorrect, and provide an updated spreadsheet to the Executive Committee
   - Numbers shown reflect the Chair’s interpretation of voting code
   - Numbers have not changed much since last year, but they will change by the end of the semester; revisit this issue in Spring 2016
   - Library does not seem to be appropriately represented
     - Committee structures could be reviewed if Senate membership changes
6) **Resolution for Implementing the Approved Liberal Education Framework**
   - Faculty and staff own responsibility for getting courses get into the LE core curriculum
   - Concern that we cannot implement the LE Core compromise proposal, which would delay students from graduating in four years
     - Publish the LE core framework now, but only require those experiences that we can provide
     - Resolution strongly supports liberal education and has been discussed across campus
     - Resolution is about logistical implementation and we should only offer those courses for which we can meet seating capacity
     - We must hold the students harmless in all of this
     - We need to make a decision now so we can implement the LE Core framework in Fall 2016
     - LE Core framework will be reevaluated in 2020
   - Seat numbers come from an assumption and a built-in buffer of 500 seats per semester to account for scheduling irregularities
   - One problem seemed to be that courses were not being approved at a very fast pace
     - Rubric language was modified two summers ago and has not been changed since then
     - ULEC approval process does not seem to be the stumbling block
       - Biggest challenge for ULEC is that it is a large committee, represented by a diverse faculty so there is a significant learning curve to understand the outcomes
   - Since the target number for seats is based on full implementation of the LE Core framework, concern about failure to implement might be a little premature

   **MOTION to send this resolution to ULEC for their consideration and an opinion to be delivered to Executive committee**, seconded

   **Discussion**
   - ULEC would appreciate having this clarity
   - Executive committee would like to know the position of ULEC on this resolution
   - Resolution will also be placed on APC agenda and forwarded to Student Senate for consideration

   **MOTION to MOVE the question, PASSED**

   **VOTE on MOTION**: PASSED
   - Chancellor Schmidt appreciates the spirit of this resolution because it is important that shared governance work together to reach a decision

7) **Announcements**
   - None

Meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Submitted by,

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