A regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Freymiller at 3:04 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 in the Council Oak Room of Davies Center.

1) Approval of the Minutes of November 17, 2015
   - Approved as distributed

2) Ten Minute Open Forum
   - Budget Committee will be sending a survey to faculty, academic staff, and university staff to see how they feel the Budget Committee can best inform people about future budget issues and gather feedback on the perceived needs of long range financial planning
   - Priority Registration for Athletes
     - Request to review this practice in Spring 2016
     - Veterans, honors students, and students with disabilities are the only individuals that actually receive priority registration
     - Sophomore and junior athletes do not have priority registration, but they are allowed to register before other sophomores and juniors, respectively, in the same registration cohort
     - Only involves certain sports and coach must request this accommodation for specific athletes
       - Issue arose because of practice schedules and costs associated with rent practice fields
   - Tenure Policy Taskforce
     - University Senate Office recently disseminated draft from the Tenure Policy Taskforce that was sent out last week to other campuses
     - Might have first reading in February, with approval in March
     - Issue impacts recruitment and retention of faculty
   - Eau Claire Alumni Tuition Rate
     - Create a UWEC alumni tuition rate for students who graduate in four years on a space available basis for additional undergraduate coursework
     - Sends the message that UWEC is committed to helping students graduate in four years and supports its Blugold alumni after graduation
     - Discount is off the base in-state tuition rate
       - Students will continue to pay Blugold commitment fees and other undergraduate fees
       - This will also apply to international students
       - Out-of-state alumni will still pay in-state rates
     - Potential loss of some revenue, but an opportunity to build relationships with alumni
     - Concern about potential for pre-education students to decide not to complete their teaching degree
       - Student teaching is not eligible for this program

3) Review of tentative agenda for December 8, 2015 meeting of University Senate

Without objection, the University Senate meeting will be cancelled
4) Discussion regarding the presence of children at University Senate Meetings
   • University Senate meetings are open meetings; children are welcome to sit in the gallery with other guests
   • Policy on “Children in the Workplace” was released today by Human Resources
   • Concern that senators sitting in the gallery cannot hear; why can’t well-behaved children sit with senators?
     • Senators don’t feel engaged if they have to sit in the gallery with their children
     • It is not appropriate for children to sit at the same tables as elected senators
   • In order to attain a quorum, senators should be allowed to bring their children, because senators with child-care conflicts might not attend Senate meetings
   • UWEC is not insured for young children and not prepared as an institution if children were to get hurt
     • UWEC cannot assume liability for children at meetings
     • HR policy states that children can be brought to the workplace on occasion
     • Presence of children could create issues with background checks

   Without objection, University Centers will be asked to set up tables in the gallery for parents to sit with children and provide microphones for gallery members to address the Senate

5) Announcements
   • Tobacco free campus survey from Student Health Services is being used to gather information and 1900 responses have already been received
   • A&S meeting at 4 p.m. in Centennial Room 1704
   • Remission money for UWEC is in the range of $230,000 or $240,000
   • Any questions for the Representatives’ meetings can be forwarded to Katie Wilson or Geoff Peterson
   • Any questions regarding tenure can be directed to Geoff Peterson
   • Next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Submitted by,
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