Members present: Tom Bergmann, Greg Conderman, Margaret Hallatt, Susan Harrison, Timothy Leutwiler, Ivar Lunde, Barbara MacBriar, Tom Miller, David Nelson, Bobby Pitts

Members Absent: Marjorie Smelstor (excused)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:08 p.m. in Schofield 202.

1. The minutes of the April 21, 1998 meeting were approved as distributed.

2. Open forum.
   a. Tom Miller announced that Marjorie Smelstor is not on campus and is taking earned vacation time.
   b. Bobby Pitts reported that a custodian in Fine Arts warned students that they could be fined $150 if they are in the building after 10 p.m. The rule exists to deal with vandalism and loitering. Pitts was concerned that art students, who have legitimate business in Fine Arts might be persecuted under this rule. Discussion followed regarding the differences from building to building regarding this policy and the need to communicate these rules to students and faculty.
   c. Sue Harrison reported that the University needs to study and possibly establish a campus-wide policy regarding the disposal and treatment of hazardous substances in University buildings and on the University grounds.
   d. Ivar Lunde raised the issue of security between Fine Arts and the Chippewa River and on upper campus at the Stein parking lot. Vandalism has been reported at both areas. Discussion of the problem followed. University Police will be notified.

3. The agenda for the May 12th University Senate meeting was reviewed and approved as corrected.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed (9-0) to recommend to the Senate that special recognition be given to the members of the Chancellor's Search and Screen Committee for their work in bringing four viable candidates forward for the chancellor's position.

4. The presentation of a Proposal for Spouse/Partner Hiring was postponed.

5. The committee reviewed a Recommended Plan for Senate Committee Transitions and Elections. Discussion centered around the need to maintain continuity on the committees. It was agreed that natural attrition should occur, but that committee members should not be forced off committees if they move from one college or school to another.

Discussion also addressed the need to announce to Senators, either at the next Senate meeting or through the mail, the need for their participation on Senate Committees.

6. The committee discussed the definition of a quorum at spring meetings. Legally, to conduct business the body must have a quorum as established in the bylaws or the constitution. Currently the quorum is defined as 34% of the eligible members. Spring meetings have a difficult time attracting a quorum defined at 34% percent. Discussion centered around the advisability of reducing a quorum to either 10% or simply the percentage of eligible members present at the meeting. It was argued that faculty vote with their feet and that if they are interested in the topic of the meeting they will attend the meeting. Because of open meetings law, notification is required before a meeting can legally take place.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed (8-1) that a recommendation be made to the University Senate that a quorum be defined as the percentage of members who are present at the meeting and eligible to vote.

Chair Harrison adjourned the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Leutwiler Secretary for the meeting