The regular meeting of University Senate was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:05 p.m. on Tuesday, November 24, 2009 in the Tamarack Room of Davies Center.

I. Minutes of November 10, 2009 University Senate meeting approved as distributed with correction of the Budget Presentation date to reflect December 8th

II. Chancellor’s Remarks – Chancellor Levin-Stankevich

- None

III. Unfinished Business

- None

IV. New Business

a. First Reading – Motion from Academic Policies Committee

Proposed Emphasis in Art History in the Liberal Arts Major – Senator Lozar

Motion 46-AP-03

MOVED and seconded by Academic Policies Committee to approve the proposed MAJOR: ART, Liberal arts—Art History Emphasis and the renaming of the existing MAJOR: ART, Liberal Arts to MAJOR: ART, Liberal Arts—Studio Emphasis

Debate

- None

MOTION by Senator Lozar to suspend the rules to vote on this today seconded and PASSED without dissention.

Continued Debate on Motion

- None

Vote on Motion 46-AP-03: Motion PASSED without dissention
b. First Reading – Motion from Academic Policies Committee  
**Proposed Emphasis in Behavior Analysis in the Psychology Liberal Arts Major** – Senator Lozar  
- Since this is not a certificate program students are eligible to sit for a national certification exam  
- The Psychology’s PEEQ report was a self-studied report

**Motion 46-AP-04**  
MOVED and seconded by Academic Policies Committee to approve the proposed MAJOR: PSYCHOLOGY, Liberal arts—Behavior Analysis Emphasis

Debate  
- None

MOTION by Senator Hollon to suspend the rules to vote on this today seconded and PASSED without dissention.

Continued Debate on Motion  
- None

**Vote on Motion 46-AP-04:** Motion PASSED without dissention

c. First Reading – Motion from Executive Committee  
**Speaking Turns** – Vice Chair Spaeth

**Motion 46-SE-04**  
MOVED and seconded by Executive Committee that the following item be inserted in the Bylaws of the University Senate as item number 11 and the numbering of the subsequent items in the current Bylaws be updated.

Speaking Rights 11. Each member of the University Senate shall have the right to speak twice to a given motion or amendment during debate. Upon approval of the majority of the body, a member may be granted a third speaking turn. During the period of debate, the presiding officer may grant speaking rights to a liaison from the Student Senate and may grant a speaking turn to any non member of the body for clarification or informational purposes.

Debate  
- 10 minute speaking limit is presented to the Senate at the first Senate meeting of the academic year  
- Speaking rights section 11 is part of the bigger picture

MOTION by Senator Serros to reconsider the phrasing of current language and send back to committee for a rewrite to include the 10 minute speaking limit and 30 minute time limit for second debate seconded and FAILED

**Vote on Motion postponed until the next meeting**

d. Election for Faculty Representative  
- In need of an immediate replacement for Faculty Representative  
- Open to tenured faculty senators  
- Term to be effective immediately with an end date being the end of the 2010/2011 academic year  
- Will be 20% reassignment of duties for remainder of this year and possibly for next year due to the short notice  
- Faculty Rep is also part of the Chancellor’s Cabinet and the Shared Governance Group  
- Floor opened for nominations as the only current nominee is Geoff Peterson
Nominees:
Geoff Peterson

Motion by Senator Hollon to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Geoff Peterson to stand as Faculty Representative, seconded and PASSED without dissention.

Elected Faculty Representative: Geoff Peterson

V. University Senate Chair’s/Vice Chair’s Report – Chair Harrison/Vice Chair Spaeth
- Another vacancy on the UW System Advisory Committee on Compensation as Mike Wick is no longer able to serve
- Chancellor will be consulting with the Executive Committee next Tuesday regarding who he might appoint to fill that vacancy
- Person needs to be a faculty member but not necessarily a senator
- Prior to next week Tuesday, send forward any names to Chair Harrison if interested or know someone who is
- Shared Governance Group met
  - Group consists of the Faculty and Academic Staff Reps, the Senate Vice Chair, Senate Chair, Provost and Chancellor
  - Some topics discussed include:
    - The impact of the loss of computers in the general access labs and the impact of the loss of equipment check-out pool
    - The changes in the format and maintenance of the Faculty and Academic Staff Handbook
    - Delays in contracts
    - Need to identify persons now responsible for the various duties of the former Administrative Officer
  - Monthly governance meetings have now been scheduled
- Chair has recently fielded questions and related to: Collective Bargaining, Flag Policy, PEEQ reports, DPC voting rules, the role and oversight of administrative committees, and Function of the Change Control Board

VI. Faculty Representative’s Report – Chair Harrison for Faculty Rep
- Proposed Textbook Policy
  - After reading the two attachments/handouts please email Geoff Peterson and send any comments or concerns to him so he can report them at the appropriate Faculty Reps meeting

VII. Academic Staff Representative’s Report – Senator Lee
- Next meeting is scheduled for Dec 4th
- Haven’t met since the last report was given

VIII. Reportable items from Committees
- Executive Committee
  - Update on the Blugold Commitment was given
  - Motion on Speaking Rights was passed
  - The process on gathering input for the proposed textbook policy was discussed
  - The possibility of changing the handbook language related to committee membership consultation and Senate Executive Committee membership was considered
    - Further discussion of membership consultation will occur after the Chair has completed gathering lists of existing committees from administrators
    - Language changes on the Executive Committee will not be pursued as it was felt the current make-up of the committee is adequate
  - Replacing the January 26th Senate meeting with the all university faculty and academic staff meeting
  - At the next meeting the flag policy and Faculty Representative to UW-System Working Group on Compensation will be discussed
- Academic Policies Committee
  - Will be discussing the 75% rule as the desirability of the policy is in question
  - If you have questions or concerns please contact Senator Lozar
- Budget Committee
Met last week and will meet one time per month
Dave Gessner and Stephanie Jamelske gave an update on the budget process

Physical Plant Planning Committee
No plans for meeting at this time but if one were to have reason to meet then a meeting would be arranged
Send requests to Senator Freymiller

IX. Special Reports
- Academic Master Plan – Provost Kleine
  - PowerPoint Presentation can be found on the Academic Affairs website at: http://www.uwec.edu/AcadAff/upload/MasterAcademicPlanPresentation.pdf or on the University Senate website at: http://www.uwec.edu/usenate/SenateRecord/index.htm
  - Transforming the Future
  - Brief History of the development of the Master Academic Plan, the presentation to the Board of Regents with students, its current status and its future
  - Ready to assert its position as the Premier Public Institution of Liberal Arts in the Upper Midwest both by building on our current success and by rededicating all aspects of the institution for a more focused evidence based future and we will do it one student at a time
  - Value means quality for the money spent
  - What we view as the “Eau Claire” Advantage has other institutions nipping at our heels
  - Freshman who pick to come to UWEC come here knowing this is what they want - the Eau Claire Advantage; they come here anticipating that they will participate in the Eau Claire Advantage
  - Overview of the Centennial Vision given
    - Enhancing the quality of college graduate in Wisconsin
    - Pieces for moving forward toward Academic Master Plan
      - HLC Self-Study
        - Showed slightly exceeded 6 year graduation rate for Carnegie classification but our 4 year rate is far less
        - Should be reasonable for us to provide a way for students to graduate in 4 years if one chooses
      - The Centennial Plan
        - Goals remain the same, but priority of gold arrows change each year
        - Quality/Improvement (PEEQ - Programs, evaluate, enhance and quality)
          - 3 criteria: 1) mission centrality; 2) cost; 3) quality
          - Resulted in recommendations for expansion, consolidation, and elimination
          - By the end of December all departments and units will have met with their department or unit head to discuss
      - Compass Project
        - Looked at access to pieces of Eau Claire Advantage to see who participates
        - Looking at why low income and 1st generation participate at a lower rate
        - Identified areas of inequitable access and arranging for focus group to identify reasons and possible intervention
      - Inclusive Excellence
        - 4 reports online: access, retention, excellence and institutional receptivity
        - Academic Affairs will add a minority recruiter
  - Academic Master Plan
    - We don’t have one but many activities
    - We are not losing ideas from these initiatives
    - Need to look at high-impact Learning Experience
    - Want all students to participate in at least 3 experiences
    - Found Board voted to launch $300,000 campaign for Study Abroad Fellowship and have 1 million planned gift for Study Abroad or domestic immersion experiences
    - Academic Affairs and Student Leadership together developed the Blugold Commitment
    - Overall a Liberal Education core
    - Drop “undeclared” and use “Exploratory Studies”
    - Paying attention top Liberal Education goals and learning outcomes
    - Liberal Education Core Reform
Planning, analysis and support
Task Force is nearing completion of draft
Consists of different groups of people
Some looking at budget, some at scheduling possibilities
Plans being shared with deans and department chairs
First experience of students with bundles will count regardless of major

Advising
Multi faceted Service-Oriented Advising
Academic Affairs could add 8.5 instructional positions in support of advising to make this a much more holistic approach

High Tech
Communication in different media
Academic Affairs will add an instructional designer to support faculty

High Touch
Making human connection

Blugold Commitment – Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Faculty/Staff workload
As the number of high impact practices increase so does faculty/instructional staff workload
Academic Affairs could add 4.3 instructional positions to ease existing bottlenecks and 12 instructional positions to support new immersion experiences
Student government determines programmatic array with Blugold Commitment; add immersion and advising at programmatic level, then budget level, add student assistance scholarships
Future stipends becoming smaller amount and now adds more permanent positions
Up to 40% of Blugold Commitment goes into students assistance
Hiring faculty to release others to do what needs to be done
Expansion of immersion experience and assessment
Students willingness to financially support the Blugold Commitment
Programmatic focus of Academic Master Plan

Special Report - Adam Sorelle, Student Senate liaison

Student Senate met last Monday and initiated a resolution that asks Facilities and Maintenance to move the smoking receptacles away from the children’s center
The recommendation was to have the campus be a smoke free campus but we thought it was not appropriate to tackle that issue so we found middle ground

Blugold Commitment
Many have been personally invested in for some time
Student Senate to send out survey December 1-3 for student feedback
Will provide input on what will be recommended to Regents
Emailing many professors and encouraging them to please reply as this is a chance for student members to do a presentation and answer questions
Can also email student senate to request a speaker
Getting surprising feedback as there has been information received that professors think that the Blugold Commitment is a horrible idea as students will lose their voice and that students are not involved
Don’t know why they would state that; Don’t want misinformation sent to students
Encourage you to contact Student Senate if you have question or concerns or would like a speaker to come to your class

X. Miscellaneous Business

MOTION by Vice Chancellor Hellwig to recognize by acclamation the UWEC Women’s Cross Country Team for their outstanding efforts in the NCAA Division III National Championships where they were selected as the National Champions, seconded and PASSED by acclamation
XI. Announcements

- January 26, 2010 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. there will be an all staff meeting of the university faculty and academic staff
- The next University Senate meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2009
- Reminder that there will be a FPC, APC and ASPC joint meeting immediately following adjournment

Without objection, meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Secretary to the University Senate