Members Present:

Members Absent:
Robin Baker, Lori Bica, Alan Gengenbach, Gail Hanson Brenner, Larry Honl, Robert Hooper, Jeffrey Janot, Andrew Jepsen, Scott Lester, Karl Markgraf, Colleen McFarland, Rob Reid, Mitra Sadeghpour, David Sommers, Odawa White, Becky Wurzer

Guests:
Jim Bakken, Margaret Cassidy, Bernard Duyfhuizen, Stephanie Jamelske, Michael Weil, Marty Wood

The regular meeting of University Senate was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:04 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 in the Tamarack Room of Davies Center.

I. University Senate meeting minutes of December 8, 2009 and minutes of the January 26, 2010 Opening Spring Meeting for University Faculty and University Academic Staff meeting approved as distributed

II. Chancellor’s Remarks – Chancellor Levin-Stankevich

• Blugold Commitment
  • Tremendous commitment on behalf of the students
  • Regents approved the Blugold Commitment
  • Students will now pay more in tuition
  • Will produce results in a variety of ways
    • Will give students greater access to high impact practices
    • Time to reach out to donors and alumni to have them help complete the circle
    • Need more scholarship support to make that happen
  • Pretty ambitious project
  • It all takes time and time is money so we need resources to hire additional faculty/academic staff/support staff
  • This is an opportunity
  • Also a challenge as we hire is to make sure the hires are directed at the goals we set in the Centennial Plan and fulfilling the commitments we made in the Blugold Commitment
  • This is base money not one time funds
  • There are some constraints but they are constraints that we agreed to
    • Will be significant student input on how the money is spent
    • Will be a financial aid component
    • Some institutions such as Florida will have increases of 15% a year for the next 7 years but must put a percentage into a financial aid component
• Provost Kleine
  • Our responsibility is to deliver on the promises we made
  • We must act quickly but not blindly
2 processes
- Supplemental budget process is part of our Centennial Plan
  - Supplemental Budget Process - how we have more input on how funds are spent on our campus
  - Different from the Blugold Commitment
  - Proposals are from very broad categories
    - Due March 15th
    - Examples include the textbook rental policy as it currently calls for the library having 2 copies of textbooks and a supplemental so they will put together a proposal to have these funds pay for that
  - Prior Learning Assessment
    - Experiential credit and how it is assessed - so will need to buy/purchase these types of assessment tools
    - Admissions to hire a recruiter for students who are underserved or underrepresented for more diversity
  - When we look at next year with all the funds available including the current differential it is over 4 million that will then be put directly back into programs for scholarships for students
  - Programs already funded for fall by differential tuition
    - Ties Argentina
    - Living and Learning Communities
    - Social Justice
    - Domestic and Intercultural Immersion
    - First Year Experience Program Courses
    - Advising for Transfer Students
    - These are already funded but there will be more
  - Student Scholarship Component for those that cannot afford to pay the difference
  - 33 percent of the funds or about 1 million will be in grants and scholarships and will serve 3200 of our students
  - Will be a proposal process for the funds that remain
  - Minimum of 500 thousand in additional funding
  - Will be talking with student government to see where the proposal emphasis should be going into the fall
  - After categories are decided there will be a proposal process
  - Proposals to contribute to 4 year graduation rate and access to high impact practice
  - Place in the proposal for Provost Initiatives
    - Figure out way to release some of our strongest faculty so can advise students and mentor students more closely
    - Need to deal with course availability
  - Proposals will be reviewed each year
  - Proposals that do not live up may not be continued
  - Put committees together of faculty, academic staff and staff to take a look at all proposals and see which will be funded
  - Looking for people who want to volunteer for these committees
  - If interested contact Wanda Schulner
- Couldn’t have been more proud of the students
- Should have seen their passion and commitment
- Student senate minutes would have information on what was approved so far

III. Unfinished Business - None

IV. New Business
a. Elections
Academic Staff Professional Development Committee (1)

Nominees:
- Kimberly Wellnitz, Advising & New Student Initiatives
- Staci Heidtke, Career Services

Additional nominee(s) from floor : None

Elected to the Academic Staff Professional Development Committee:
- Staci Heidtke, Career Services (2010)

Academic Policies Committee vacancies (3)

EHS nominee (1):
- Jeff Janot, Kinesiology, EHS

COB nominee (1):
- Jean Pratt, Information Systems, COB

Any Area nominees (1):
- Alan Gengenbach, Chemistry, A&S
- Lia Johnson, Art & Design, A&S

Additional nominee(s) from floor : None

MOVED and seconded to allow Jeff Janot to stand as the Academic Policies Committee representative for EHS and Jean Pratt to stand as the Academic Policies Committee representative for COB and PASSED without dissention.

Elected to the Academic Policies Committee:
- Jeff Janot, Kinesiology, EHS (2010)
- Jean Pratt, Information Systems, COB (2010)

Faculty Personnel Committee

Nominees for FPC Faculty Senator vacancies (2): AUGUST 2010 and 2012
- Steven Fink, Philosophy & Religious Studies, A&S
- Marie Stadler, Communication Sciences and Disorders, EHS
- Vanda Galen, Social Work, EHS
- Joline Morrison, Computer Science, A&S

Nominee for FPC Faculty vacancy (1):
- Abraham Nahm, Management and Marketing

Additional nominee(s) from floor : None
MOTION by Senator Freymiller to allow Abraham Nahm to stand as the Faculty Personnel Committee Faculty Representative seconded and PASSED without dissention.

Elected to the Faculty Personnel Committee:

Marie Stadler, Communication Sciences and Disorders, EHS (2010)
Abraham Nahm, Management and Marketing (2010)

Executive Committee

Nominees (1):
Rick Mickelson, LTS

Julie Aminpour, Continuing Education withdrew her name from the ballot

Additional nominee(s) from floor: None

MOTION by Senator Gapko to allow Rick Mickelson to stand as the Executive Committee Academic Staff Representative seconded and PASSED without dissention.

Elected to the Executive Committee:

Rick Mickelson, LTS (2010)

b. First Reading - Motion from the Academic Policies Committee
Establish the Department of Materials Science

Motion 46-AP-08
By a vote of 6 yes, 0 no, the Academic Policies Committee recommends University Senate approval of the creation of the Department of Materials Science.

Debate

- Still some issues that need to be resolved
- Concerned about organizational structure of department
- Department currently has 2 faculty
  - One already serves as the chair
- Cannot have DPC with only 2 faculty
- Allows for 9 positions
- Current program looking for 2 faculty this year
- Next year it is proposed 1 staff and searching for a 3rd faculty position
- Curriculum not fully developed
- Started freshman majors this fall
- Currently there are 6 in the major but expected to have 50
- There is an on-campus interview that will conclude a week from this Friday

Vote on Motion postponed until the next meeting
V. University Senate Chair’s/Vice Chair’s Report – Chair Harrison/Vice Chair Spaeth
- Introduction of new Senators
  - Jay Holmen, Mickey Kolis, Jean Pratt, and Jefford Vahlbusch
- Chair served as Commencement Marshall
- Met with Administrators to discuss governance and contract issues
- Attended numerous meetings as your Faculty Representative on the new Student Center Building Committee
- Attended meetings related to the new format of the policies website
- Results of the Referendum:
  - The constitutional change to give both Vice Chancellors non-voting member status on Executive and Senate PASSED by a vote of 255 to 39 (87% to 39%)
  - The constitutional change to merge the Faculty Complaint/Grievance and Termination Review Committee PASSED by a vote of 215 to 12 (95% to 12%)
- Difficulties with the electronic voting process using Qualtrics were numerous and a meeting with LTS has been scheduled for later this week to work on a solution
- The process also highlighted the fact that the required response rate of 34% to validate an election may need to be reconsidered

VI. Faculty Representative’s Report – Senator Peterson
- Have not met since our last University Senate meeting
- Any thoughts/feedback on upcoming agenda items should be directed to Senator Peterson
- Looking at a new rule that will allow 2 year schools to explore giving out Bachelor of Applied Arts & Science degree
  - Regents gave permission
- On-line Courses
  - A portal that will “house” all online classes through a single website
  - In theory the entire UW-System will be on one webpage
  - Can sign up for courses through another school but the money goes to the other school as well
- Many unanswered questions
  - What are the standards
  - What the classes are or require
  - Quality issue of concern
  - Many unanswered questions
- Quality is an issue of concern
- Discussion is moving forward rather quickly
- Some details not yet discussed
- Will have a meeting before the next University Senate meeting

VII. Academic Staff Representative’s Report – Senator Lee
- Will be meeting next on February 19th
- Agenda has not yet been circulated for that meeting
- Assume that multi-year appointments, Unit clarification, and collective bargaining will be discussed

VIII. Reportable items from Committees
- Executive Committee
  - At the last meeting a discussion was held with Vice Chancellor Hellwig about the changes in the Office of Student Affairs
  - Review of the topics discussed during the Chancellor’s Roundtable
  - In the near future a chart listing the various tasks to be accomplished by whom and when will be made available
  - Committee discussed the distinction between a policy, procedure, or guideline and which should be contained in the Constitution and Bylaws when the current format of the Handbook is moved to the website
  - At next meeting, the Committee will discuss Consensual Relations policy
- Academic Staff Personnel Committee
  - Will be meeting Thursday, February 25 at 10 a.m.
• Otherwise, plan to meet bi-weekly

• Academic Policies Committee

• **For the Record Items accepted without objection**
  • Approval of a credit bearing Certificate of German Proficiency
  • Approval of a new international exchange program with the Technische Universitaet Braunschweig, Germany and Management Center Innsbruck, Austria
  • Closing of the study abroad program at the Universidad Catolica de Chile
  • Closing of the study abroad program at the University of KwaZulu-Natal-Durban, South Africa

• Compensation
  • Will be meeting sometime this spring to look at the 2011–2013 pay plan

• Nominating Committee
  • University Senate Office would like to say thanks to nominating committee for their hard work

IX. Special Reports

a. Report on the changes to the organization structure of the Office of Student Affairs – Vice Chancellor Hellwig
  • Number of students coming forward has increased and the Office can no longer keep pace
  • Trying to provide the most outstanding services possible so we needed to look at how we are organized
  • Beth Hellwig will hold title of Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs
  • Will be one Dean of Students and one Associate Dean of Students and one Assistant (or Associate) Dean of Students in the current plan
  • Not adding any FTE
  • Will not have any additional cost as the money for this will come from student segregated fees, residence life and National Student Exchange
  • Dean of Students would serve on the Chancellor’s Cabinet

b. Status of collective bargaining - Jill Pastrana
  • At the end of last semester academic staff and faculty were surveyed
    • Faculty: Clear majority were interested and eager in supporting
    • Academic Staff: were still up in the air
  • Option to vote separately or wait to see what concerns still need to be addressed
  • Will have informational sessions and discussion on Wednesday February 17th in the Alumni Room from 4:30 to 6 and on Thursday February 18th in the Eagle Room from 12:00 to 1:30
  • [www.aftwhighered.org](http://www.aftwhighered.org) is a great website and will have UWEC information linked to it
  • Unit Clarification on hold until a vote takes place

X. Miscellaneous Business – None

XI. Announcements

• The next University Senate meeting is scheduled for February 23rd
  • Will be a presentation from the architects working with the new Education Building Committee
• Programs for helping Haiti will be hosting a pancake fundraiser on Saturday, February 20th
  • Money donated to red cross
  • Opportunities to volunteer

Without objection, meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Submitted by,

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