February 23, 2010

Members Present:


Members Absent:

Robin Baker, Lori Bica, Kristen Blake, Kirby Harless, Larry Honl, Robert Hooper, Andrew Jepsen, Jason Mathwig, Colleen McFarland, Rob Reid, David Sommers, Sharon Westphal, Odawa White, Rebecca Wurzer

Guests:

Mike Adler, Margaret Cassidy, Doug Dunham, Bernard Duyfhuizen, Emily Fiedler, Rick Gonzales, Debbie Gough, Marc Mc Ellistrem, Mike Rindo, Val Schute, Larry Solberg, Bob Sutton, Michael Weil, Michael Wick, Marty Wood

The regular meeting of University Senate was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:06 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 in the Tamarack Room of Davies Center.

I. Minutes of February 9, 2010 University Senate meeting approved as distributed

II. Chancellor’s Remarks – Chancellor Levin-Stankevich

- Blugold Commitment implementation
  - Met with a number of students opposing the Blugold Commitment to encourage them to continue to be involved; asked them to make us earn their support
  - Good, honest, open meeting; students expressed interest in continuing to work with us on this
  - Exciting opportunities ahead

- Education Academic Building – you will hear about today

- Davies project continues to move forward – fall ground-breaking planned

- Children’s Center Committee working toward identifying site options

- Master planning process continuing
  - Space needs analysis done with deans; chairs working on that now
  - Housing study going on
    - We continue to house 200 students in hotels in fall; can accommodate those students in dorms in spring
    - Remains financially viable because means dorms fuller in spring semester
  - Parking study is part of master plan – looking at long-term parking needs in addition to shorter-term needs related to construction
    - Is faculty representation on the group looking at that
    - Process to get everyone’s input on short-term parking problems – will need good ideas over next few years
      - Temporary lots, remote sites, carpooling, incentives to drive less
      - Can learn from other states who have had to do this more aggressively

- Physical Plant Planning Committee members invited to be involved in master planning and processes

- Dean of College of Business search is proceeding; announcement to be out soon

- HLC visit last September
  - Received final letter yesterday; reiterates what heard during onsite visit – complete reaccreditation
DNP and online MBA also accredited
Next visit 2019 – full 10-years reaccreditation
Seemed to be inconsistency concerning diversity and whether or not it was a priority for our institution
Did admonish us to do well on this issue; welcome that because we do not have outcomes we need to achieve yet
Congratulate all of you on job you do that allowed reaccreditation

III. Unfinished Business
Second Reading – Motion from the Academic Policies Committee
Establish the Department of Materials Science

Continued Debate

*Amendment 46-AP-08-a1*
Moved by Senator Pollitz to add words or functional equivalent to the end of the motion

Speaking to the Amendment allowed without objection

- Interim Associate Vice Chancellor Wick indicated there needs to be more flexibility to support interdisciplinary departments and using functional equivalents may do that

Amendment seconded by Senator Kolb

Debate on Amendment

- Don’t believe definition of functional equivalent is included in constitution; would not vote for motion without term being defined
- Functional equivalent is used in case of the Library
- According to Dr. Mc Ellistrem this issue has been discussed and while definition is unclear, goal was to create model that allows both curriculum development and adaptation and personnel decision making including tenure home of Materials Science
- Dean Wood proposed definition of functional equivalent with respect to academic unit organization:
  Constitution, Article 1 section C
  Departmental Functional Equivalent:
  “Functional Equivalent,” with respect to academic unit organization, shall be used to refer to any interdisciplinary academic program in which three or more faculty members each hold more than a 50 percent assignment and in which their tenure resides.
- Materials Science is growing discipline, not what you think of as interdisciplinary studies; do not believe this allows greater flexibility than a Department of Materials Science
- Functional equivalent works fine in Library; have a DEP, a DPC, and tenure home
- Department is well defined; functional equivalent would not be more clear
- Issue came up before APC; committee agreed it didn’t make much sense and would cause more confusion and problems
- Polled colleagues in home department – no one was against formation of Department of Materials Science
- Some other universities have separate Materials Science Departments; others combine Materials Science with Chemistry
- Would also benefit Library to have functional equivalent defined

*Vote on Amendment 46-AP-08-a1:* Amendment DEFEATED without dissention by University Faculty

*Vote on Motion 46-AP-08:* Motion PASSED without dissention by University Faculty

IV. New Business

- None

V. University Senate Chair’s/Vice Chair’s Report – Chair Harrison/Vice Chair Spaeth
- Since our last meeting, the Chair has been busy keeping the office going in the absence of the secretary
- Secretary Kenney is recuperating at home and hopes to return in a few weeks
VI. Faculty Representative’s Report – Senator Peterson

- Meeting last Friday included many topics of discussion
  - Two-year campuses are pushing bachelor degree in applied arts & sciences
  - Touting for place-bound adult students who already have some degree credits
  - Faculty representatives discussed mission creep and how to provide resources
  - Part of language also requires 2-year schools to find 4-year schools to partner with to make this work

- Growth Agenda
  - Discussed enrollment numbers and incentives with Sr. Vice President Martin

- Online portal issue
  - Concern expressed with speed at which this is moving forward: prototype in April, roll out in fall with at least $500,000 in advertising behind it
  - Also quality issues, question of who owns online classes, and control
  - No answers forthcoming

- Revisiting textbook policy
  - Will go to Regents in April
  - No specifics, but apparently looking at rental programs for all campuses; problem is where to get start-up funding

- Also discussed Blugold Commitment and possibility of adjusting GPR funding for schools that could not get such differential funding passed
  - Not necessarily good for us

- Chancellor Levin-Stankevich did note significant philosophical differences between campuses
  - Some chose to educate more students to get more money; that worked until 2001 and again in 2007-08 when there was no money to give for increased enrollment
  - Since Eau Claire and La Crosse entered the differential tuition game, debate has changed
  - Not sure how it will end

VII. Academic Staff Representative’s Report – Senator Lee

- Also had meeting last Friday
  - Will circulate the work plan on audit of UPG 3.05
    - Audit of academic staff appointments was to take place every two years; last audit was in 1990
    - Audit to start with a few campuses – La Crosse, Oshkosh, System Administration, and one unit in Madison by sampling October of 2009
    - Then will be expanding audit to other campuses
  - Updated on unit classification process
    - A couple bargaining units for WERC would like to see some positions changed from academic staff to classified positions
    - System still maintains right to decide where classification falls; will make final response
  - Not sure whether furlough bill is out of committee
  - Date of academic staff conference moved to first week of August

VIII. Reportable Items from Committees

- Executive Committee – Chair Harrison
  - At the last Executive meeting, an open forum question arose about the existence of any in-class texting policy
    - It was suggested that class disruption due to texting might fall under the procedures for disciplining a student involved in nonacademic matters described in the Student Services and Standards Handbook
  - Dates for the 2010-2011 Senate Executive Committee and University Senate meetings were confirmed
  - Committee decided to fill additional Senate at-large positions during fall elections when exact number of positions would be known after departments and units determine their senators, rather than during spring elections
  - Committee briefly looked over example Table of Contents for the Constitution and Bylaws with discussion to be continued at the next meeting
  - Next meeting also to include a review of the Consensual Relationship Policy

- Faculty Personnel Committee – Senator Serros
- Met last week, welcomed three new members
- To meet every other Wednesday for spring semester
- Academic Policies Committee – Senator Lozar
  - Met and approved MSL prefix for ROTC program, will be coming to Senate in two weeks
- Budget Committee – Senator Eckardt
  - Requested PEEQ spreadsheet release so would know what recommendations were
  - Discussed Blugold Commitment
    - Second floor of Schofield working hard at getting together the particulars for Board of Regents meeting; academic side and students involved in that process
- Physical Plant Planning Committee – Senator Freymiller
  - Met last week
  - Began with report from Terry Classen about site plan changes to new student center due to Council Oak
    - Will have to do extensive reworking of steam system which supplies Davies, Nursing, Phillips and Schneider
    - Were considerable problems with shutting off steam to Phillips for summer; may use temporary boilers to keep humidity under control for sensitive equipment for teaching and research
  - Was discussion and report on impact of construction on parking
    - Will be permanent elimination of 140 parking slots; temporarily will also lose 100 additional spaces in Phillips lot
    - Temporary lot will be installed between Zorn and Schneider during construction
    - Need to reiterate that UW-Eau Claire does not have a parking problem, it is only a parking convenience problem with 400 to 500 spaces available daily in Water Street lots
    - Changes in plans being discussed – comprehensive parking plan presented
  - Meet again March 2nd, 4 pm, Birchwood Room
  - Will make appointments to various campus-wide planning committees
    - To discuss a smoke-free lower campus and open classroom in current parking lot by river
- Compensation Committee – Senator Gapko
  - Meet March 3rd to discuss Salary Plan 2010-11

IX. Special Reports
a. MyBlugold CampS – camps.uwec.edu – Chip Eckardt
  - Course catalog and demo data now up
  - Class schedule to be available in early March
  - Students will be registering for fall in Blugold CampS; students registering for summer will do so in legacy system
    - Advising tricky because will be in two worlds
    - Cyber Consulting heard loud and clear that we like existing degree audit system
    - Working on that; to be functional in mid-April
    - Will be able to get degree audits for transfer students
  - If you receive emails from LTS announcing Big Changes, please read those
    - Have links to training, documentation on web, or can watch screen, and will have classes to attend
    - Will not be hard, but will be substantially different way of looking at things than we are used to
b. Education Building Presentation – Dean Scukanec
  - PowerPoint – New Education Building –
    - [http://www.uwec.edu/COEHS/upload/EducationBuildingProgramPresentation.pdf](http://www.uwec.edu/COEHS/upload/EducationBuildingProgramPresentation.pdf)
    - Presentation included Background and Purpose; Project Description; Scope of Services; Preliminary Project Schedule; Building Program (units/functions included in the building); General Access Classrooms, Miscellaneous Instructional Support, CoEHS, Teacher Ed, Education Studies, Special Education, English Department, Foreign Language Department, Student Success Network, Services for Students with Disabilities, Office of Multicultural Affairs – total 101,111 Assignable Square Feet; Pre-Design Study: Concept Options, Design Assumptions, Design Guidelines, Site Option, Floor Plate Concepts, and What’s Next.
    - Comments may be submitted at: [http://www.uwec.edu/COEHS/](http://www.uwec.edu/COEHS/)
  - Val Schute and Mike Adler, representatives from River Architects in La Crosse, also presented
X. Miscellaneous Business
   ● None

XI. Announcements
   ● Vice Chancellor Hellwig mentioned second house fire in Eau Claire affecting UW-Eau Claire students
     ● Everyone is safe, but lost everything, so appreciate any help
     ● Would like to raise awareness of smoke detectors and picking safe houses
   ● Next meeting of University Senate is March 9th

Without objection, meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Submitted by,

Wanda Schulner (on behalf of Tanya Kenney)
Secretary to the University Senate