Members Present:
Ned Beach, Lori Bica, James Brockpahler, Patrick Day, Chip Eckardt, Jeff Erger, Martha Fay, Steve Fink, Lyle Ford, Mitchell Freymiller, Vanda Galen, Andrea Gapko, Alan Gengenbach, Gail Hanson Brenner, Susan Harrison, Beth Hellwig, Ann Hoffman, Robert Hollon, Jay Holmen, Phil Ihinger, Debra Jansen, Paul Kaldjian, Patricia Kleine, Kate Lang, Paula Lentz, Scott Lester, Brian Levin-Stankevich, Scott Lowe, Rick Mickelson, Bob Nowlan, Jill Olm, Jill Pastrana, Geoffrey Peterson, Jean Pratt, Rob Reid, Katie Ritland-Clouse, Mitra Sadeghpour, Sherrie Serros, Earl Shoemaker, Linda Spaeth, Marie Stadler, Todd Stephens, Dan Stevenson, Theresa Wells, Sharon Westphal

Members Absent:
Julie Aminpour, Jason Anderson, Robin Baker, Kirby Harless, Jeffrey Janot, Andrew Jepsen, Robin Johengen, Dale Johnson, , Lia Johnson, Fred Kolb, Cheryl Lapp, Jennifer Lee, John Lee, Barbara Lozar, Karl Markgraf, Jason Mathwig, Colleen McFarland, John Pollitz, Sheila Smith, Odawa White, Kate Wilson, Becky Wurzer

Guests:
Rick Gonzales, Jon Hoffman, Dylan Jambrek, Jeff Kosloske, Debi Levin-Stankevich, Mark Morgan, Mike Rindo, Val Schute, Larry Solberg, Kate Sullivan, Mike Wick, Marty Wood

The regular meeting of University Senate was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:06 p.m. on Tuesday, September 28 in the Davies Center.

1. Minutes of May 11, 2010 and September 14, 2010 University Senate meeting approved as distributed

2. Chancellor’s Remarks – Chancellor Levin-Stankevich
   • Blugold Commitment
     • Call for Proposals came out earlier
     • One can request base funding
     • If we just continue to fund short term projects and immersions programs then eventually everyone would have far too many projects going on; we would not have enough faculty/support staff to make that happen
     • Think long term about where we want to end up and what it is going to take to get there and how that fits in to expansion of some high impact practices and Blugold Commitment process
     • This is our first attempt at this
     • Continues to be significant student involvement in the Blugold Commitment
     • All these proposals need to go through academic/divisional units
     • Blugold Commitment also does not change chapter 36
       • Can propose to create, send, change, end or reinstate a department
     • Goal was to try to increase the capacity of this institution to deliver high impact practices not just add high impact practices
     • Met with System and chancellors last week
     • Budget advocacy for the UW System
       • Talking points coming out
       • Will be receiving additional material next week
       • Will have continued discussions
       • Need to advocate for continuation cost
     • Growth agenda takes on different name
     • Also for competitive compensation
- System also developed responses for the Competitive University Workforce Commission recommendations
  - Many revolve around enhanced funding but also enhanced flexibility
  - Need flexibility to make that happen
- Hats off to Terry Classen and his entire crew as we had a potential for some serious flooding this weekend
  - Avoided damage to this campus and disruption to operations
  - Will get a report out after all has been assessed
- Resident Hall House Calls
  - Chancellor and his wife were fortunate enough to participate in Resident Hall House calls at last institution
  - Addresses home sickness and variety of other things
  - The House Calls Program was mentioned to Vice Chancellor Hellwig last spring and she will be presenting today

(Please see Agenda item #9. Special Reports; a. for minutes from that presentation)

3. Unfinished Business
   Completion of the of University-wide and University Senate Elections

**At-Large Academic Staff Senators**

**Must be Instructional Academic Staff (Vote Code 6)**

- 2 vacancies
- 1-year terms

**Report of the University Academic Staff Nominating Committee**

Nominees:
- IAS: Sharon Westphal, Psychology
- IAS:

  - Vacancies from the last US meeting remained due to an oversight in vote code
  - 2 withdrew their names – Jason Anderson was remaining and is now serving in the at-large capacity
  - Additional nominations from the floor: None

Moved and seconded **to suspend the rules to allow Sharon Westphal to stand as the At-large Instructional Academic Staff Senator** and PASSED without dissention.

**Elected as At-Large University Academic Staff Senators: Sharon Westphal**

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UNIVERSITY SENATE ELECTIONS

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Continuing members of the Executive Committee:
- Susan Harrison, Chair (Mathematics)
- Geoff Peterson, Faculty Rep.
- Scott Lester, Management & Marketing
- Sheila Smith, Nursing
- Scott Lowe, Philosophy & Religious Studies
- John Pollitz, Library
- Jennifer Lee, Academic Staff Rep.
- Andrea Gapko, Educational Support Services
- Linda Spaeth, Vice Chair
- Brian Levin-Stankevich, Chancellor
- Patricia Kleine, Provost/VC
Beth Hellwig, VC
Mitch Freymiller, Biology
Ned Beach, Philosophy & Religious Studies
Marie Stadler, Comm. Sciences & Disorders

1 Vacancy for University Faculty Senator (2-year term): Any Area

Report of the University Senate Nominating Committee
Nominees:
Any: Patrick Day, Foreign Language
    Paula Lentz, Business Communication

  • Additional nominations from the floor: None

Elected as University Faculty Senators to serve on Executive Committee: Patrick Day

ACADEMIC STAFF PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Continuing members:
Elected Senators:
    Linda Spaeth, Educ. Support Services
    Rob Reid, Education Studies
    AS Rep: Jennifer Lee (CHAIR - APAS – Student Affairs)

Elected by Academic Staff at-large:
    Jacqueline Bailey (IAS - English)
    B. Jill Smith (IAS – Geography & Anthropology)
    Katie Ritland-Clouse (APAS - Advising)
    Donna Weber, (APAS – Human Resources)

2 APAS vacancies 2-year term and: Must serve on University Senate and be Administrative and Professional Academic Staff

Report of the University Senate Nominating Committee
Nominees:
APAS: Julie Aminpour, Continuing Education
    Earl Shoemaker, Student Support

  • Agenda altered to reflect (2) vacancies on the Academic Staff Personnel Committee
  • Additional nominations from the floor: None

Moved and seconded to suspend the rules to allow Julie Aminpour and Earl Shoemaker to stand as the elected Senators on the Academic Staff Personnel Committee and PASSED without dissention.

Elected to the Academic Staff Personnel Committee: Julie Aminpour and Earl Shoemaker

BUDGET COMMITTEE
Continuing members:
    Peter Rejto, Building & Grounds/Residence Halls
    Dave Gessner, Asst. Chancellor for Budget & Finance
    Stephanie Jamelske, Budget Officer for Academic Affairs
Fred Kolb, Economics  
Mitra Sadeghpour, Music & Theatre Arts  
Chip Eckardt, LTS  
Marie Stadler, Comm. Sciences & Disorders  
John Lee, LTS

2 Senator Vacancies: (1) from College of Business – 3-year term, (1) from College of Nursing and Health Sciences – 3-year term

Nominees:
- College of Business: Jay Holmen, Accounting & Finance
- College of Nursing and Health Sciences: Cheryl Lapp, Nursing

Additional nominations from the floor: None

Moved and seconded to **suspend the rules to allow Jay Holmen and Cheryl Lapp to serve on the Budget Committee** and PASSED without dissention.

**Elected as Senators to serve on Budget Committee: Jay Holmen and Cheryl Lapp**

**TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

New members:
- Joanne Juett, A&S
- Nan Hu, BUS
- Robert Stow, EHS
- Gail Hanson Brenner, NHS

3 University Academic Staff Senator vacancies: Any Area – one 1-year term, one 2-year term and one 3-year term

Nominees:
- Jason Anderson, University Centers
- James Brockpahler, University Centers
- Ann Hoffman, University Communications
- Robin Johengen, Career Services
- Rick Mickelson, LTS
- Odawa White, Multicultural Affairs

- This list now includes length of terms
  - Length of term determined by number of votes

- Additional nominations from the floor: None

**Elected as University Academic Staff Senators to serve on Technology Committee: Ann Hoffman, Rick Mickelson and Odawa White**

4. **New Business**

First Reading - Motion from the University Faculty members of the Executive Committee regarding an Ad Hoc Task Force

- Last spring UF members passed a motion to Establish a Department of Material Science
- That motion was forwarded to the Chancellor
The Chancellor requested more information and a consultation with the UF members of the Executive Committee.

At the consultation it was suggested that the motion be put on hold until discussions were held regarding methods of evaluating individuals whose appointments are interdisciplinary programs or units.

Plans for establishing such a task force were announced at the last Senate meeting.

After the last meeting the Chair was asked if closure could be brought to the motion rather than wait until the work of a task force concluded.

The Chair convened a special meeting of the UF members of the Executive Committee last week and two things occurred at that meeting:

- It was decided to continue with the process for consultation outlined in the constitution.
- After discussion, it was decided not to agree to any modification to the original motion.
- Original motion will be forwarded to the Chancellor for his final action.
- Thus bringing closure to the final motion.
- Committee fully expects that the Chancellor will not approve the motion as he made it clear that he wants to see the report of the task force prior to making any decisions about establishing new departments.
- Because the Committee wanted to facilitate the Chancellor receiving the information as soon as possible, the Committee presents the current motion before you.

**Motion 47-SE-01**

That the Provost create and charge an Ad Hoc Task Force for departmental alternatives for interdisciplinary units within 30 days and for that Task Force to report to the University Senate no later than the last meeting of the University Senate in April 2011.

Debate

- None

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

Continued Debate on Motion

- None

**Vote on Motion 46-SE-01:** Motion PASSED without dissention.

5. University Senate Chair’s/Vice Chair’s Report – Chair Harrison/Vice Chair Spaeth

- A substitute motion for the name change and function for UGEC has been received and will be forwarded to the University Senate members.
- If anyone would like to request additional information please notify Chair Harrison prior to the next University Senate meeting.
- The Union organizing Committee, after consulting with Teresa O’Halloran, Jim Mangan of AFT-Wisconsin, and some members of the Ad Hoc Organizing Committee concluded that while an agreement between the Senate and the Faculty Union regarding faculty governance was not out of the question, it was felt that because the new union has not yet voted on the constitution and elected its leaders such an agreement would be premature at this point.

Student Senate Report – Dylan Jambrek

- Last night at the meeting
  - Looking forward to being partners on multiple things including Blugold Commitment while ensuring faculty retain their necessary authority over curriculum.
  - Motion before Student Senate.
  - Mascot of the students.
  - Student only survey ran last spring.
80 percent said they wanted a mascot; 70 percent wanted the Blugold mythical bird
• This is a mascot of the students not a mascot of the University
• Student Senate passed a special allocation for the USA Today reader allocation
  • Segregated fees banned for specific academic purposes; may not be embedded in the curriculum
  • Not meant for classroom usage
• Student government students are being deputized so one can vote
  • If one wants to be deputized they can go this and next Thursday to City Hall at 5:30 and it takes about 45 minutes
  • Can also come to the classrooms to deputize and that ensures that students can vote
  • Takes about 5 minutes
  • Sign-up sheet in the back

6. Faculty Representative’s Report – Senator Peterson
  • Will meet this Friday

7. Academic Staff Representative’s Report – Given By Chair Harrison for Senator Lee
  • Will meet this Friday
  • If any items to be brought forward please email Senator Lee

8. Reportable items from Committees
  • Budget Committee – Senator Eckardt
    • Will meet Friday, October 8th at 3:00 in the Old Library 2010

9. Special Reports
  a. House Call Program – VC Hellwig
    • Asking for help with this new initiative
    • Debbie Levin-Stankevich and Vice Chancellor Hellwig will co-chair
    • On Monday evening faculty, academic staff and administrators can come and find out a number of questions
    • Goal is a retention issue
    • Between the sophomore and junior year we don’t have as high of a retention rate as we would like
    • 4000 in residence halls and in hotels
    • Goal is to join on November the 8th to talk about what is hoped to be accomplished [Note: Changed to November 1st after meeting]
    • Meet folks in a residence hall
    • There are 4 or 5 schools that have done this program
      • Washington University: Faculty and administration got together and were given a clipboard with about 10 questions and went to the dorms and met with the students and asked them the questions and asked if concerns or questions
      • Rowland University: doing a sophomore year experience
        • Started about 7:30 and knock on about 30 different doors
        • Had t-shirts to announce who they were
      • University of Oklahoma
      • Missouri State University
      • University of Mississippi
        • Students felt that faculty were concerned about the students
        • Will try to find contact people at these universities
      • Want to pass the U-Tube clip on to the University Senate members
      • Monday, November 8th and will have a way for one to participate
      • According to research if college students have a significant attachment to an adult they will feel more connected to a university
      • Please contact if one would like to be a coordinator
      • Students selected with Residence Life staff and hotels are a good place to reach out
      • Like to look at sophomores and freshman as well
• Dinner and everything only took a couple of hours at most
• Some schools got students to participate by having door prizes
• Other schools chose floors
• Variety of ways to go about it

b. Preferred Preliminary Plan for the Master Plan – Mike Rindo and Jon Hoffman
   • PowerPoint Presentation given
   • An online posting will be available for the campus shortly

10. Miscellaneous Business
   • According to the Constitution, one must have served at least three semesters at the University prior to being able to serve as a Senator
   • A unit on campus has an individual who has worked for 2 semesters here and has been involved at a previous in governance issues
   • Position has been vacant for some time
   • Unit would like permission for this person to be the unit’s representative

    Without objection an exception will be made to allow this person in her 3rd semester to serve at this unit’s senator.

11. Announcements
    • Next University Senate meeting is scheduled for October 12th

    Without objection, meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Secretary to the University Senate