April 12, 2011

Members Present:
Ned Beach, Mary Belknap, Lori Bica, James Brockpahler, Patrick Day, Chip Eckardt, Jeff Erger, Martha Fay, Steve Fink, Lyle Ford, Mitchell Freymiller, Andrea Gapko, Alan Gengenbach, Gail Hanson Brenner, Susan Harrison, Beth Hellwig, Ann Hoffman, Jay Holmen, Phil Ihenger, Debra Jansen, Robin Johengen, Lia Johnson, Paul Kaldjian, Fred Kolb, John Mann, Cheryl Lapp, Jennifer Lee, John Lee, Brian Levin-Stankevich, Scott Lowe, Barbara Lozar, Jill Markgraf, Joe Morin, Bob Nowlan, Jill Olm, Geoffrey Peterson, John Pollitz, Jean Pratt, Rob Reid, Katie Ritland-Clouse, Mitra Sadeghpour, Sherrie Serros, Earl Shoemaker, Sheila Smith, Linda Spaeth, Marie Stadler, Dan Stevenson, Stephanie Van Pay, Theresa Wells, Kate Wilson, Rama Yelkur

Members Absent:
Julie Aminpour, Jason Anderson, Robin Baker, Vanda Galen, Kate Hinnant, Robert Hollon, Jeffrey Janot, Andrew Jepsen, Dale Johnson, Patricia Kleine, Paula Lentz, Karl Markgraf, Jason Mathwig, Rick Mickelson, Jill Pastrana, Jeri Weiser, Sharon Westphal, Odawa White, Becky Wurzer

Guests:
Kris Anderson, Margaret Cassidy, Diane Hoadley, Marty Wood

The regular meeting of University Senate was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:03 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 in the Tamarack Room of Davies Center.

1. Minutes of March 29, 2011 University Senate meeting approved as distributed with the exception of Gail Hanson-Brenner to be listed as absent

2. Chancellor’s Remarks – Chancellor Levin-Stankevich
   - The state politics saga continues
     - Had our posters in the rotunda last week
     - Was a nice representation from UW-Eau Claire
     - Opportunity to meet with legislators
     - Generally have strong support for the WI IDEA Partnership and that support is still growing
     - Met this afternoon with the Executive Committee of the Eau Claire Chamber to ask for their support as well
     - Board meeting Tuesday morning then the Board will vote on it and then a letter will get sent to the Governor and legislators
     - Others have already endorsed it
     - Is about giving us flexibilities and keeping resources in our own backyard
     - Businesses have been talking to the Chancellor about people boycotting their businesses
     - Chancellor shared that the $6 million that will not be coming to the employees paychecks because of changes in benefits payments is having a much bigger impact than any boycott could possibly have
     - The impact on businesses doesn’t have anything to do with a boycott but rather all state employees have much less in their take home paycheck
     - Will keep making businesses aware of that
   - Great time of the year to showcase our incredible talent here at UWEC
     - Yesterday joined Provost Kleine, Dylan Jambrek and Mark Morgan at the Higher Learning Commission in Chicago
     - Had a presentation on the BluGold Commitment
     - They were the only 2 students to present
People in attendance were impressed by the concept of shared governance with students around tuition

- Helps get our reputation out there

- Viennese Ball coming soon
- The Jazz Concert at Memorial was an exciting event
- Student Research days coming up
- Sexual Assault Prevention week
- Free Speech Event coming soon
- Don’t know about this fiscal year as the Budget Repair Bill has not yet passed
  - Health insurance increases have been put on hold
  - Looks like $3.4 million as a target reduction
  - Will continue to push for more financial aid

- Jazz 1 CD
  - Extraordinary display of talent
  - Contribution to the music department will be appreciated

- Semester at Sea
  - Vice Chancellor Hellwig will have a Semester at Sea with 720 students
  - Brian Carlisle to assume her responsibilities while she is gone

3. Unfinished Business
   - None

4. New Business

**Without objection, previous agenda items 4. a & 4. c will be combined into one motion.**

a. First Reading – Motion from the Academic Policies Committee - Senator Lozar
   Authorization to implement BPS proposal and the PSAS and PSB prefixes

**Motion 47-AP-07**
That the University Senate approves the proposal for Authorization to Implement the Bachelor of Professional Studies degree and the Comprehensive Major in Organizational Leadership and Communication and the PSAS and PSB prefixes.

Debate on Motion
- None

Vote on Motion 46-AP-07: **Postponed**

b. First Reading – Motion from the Academic Policies Committee - Senator Lozar
   Authorization for the new International Business major

**Motion 47-AP-08**
That the University Senate approve the proposal for the authorization to implement the Comprehensive Major in International Business.

Debate on Motion
- Some of the classes are no longer available so changes/elective courses may be offered
  - Has been a long process
Bob Sutton to be the contact if one has any questions or concerns

Vote on Motion 46-AP-08: Postponed

c. First Reading – Motion from the University Senate Executive Committee - Vice Chair Spaeth
   Position Terms

Motion 47-SE-03

That changes to Article Three: University Senate, Sections T and U be made as follows:

Section T – Faculty Representative to UW System:
The Faculty Representative to the University of Wisconsin System shall be elected by the faculty members and from the tenured faculty members of the University Senate at the first fall-semester meeting of the University Senate of even-numbered years. The term of office shall be for two years beginning with the end of the academic year in odd-numbered years. (F 4/07)
The Faculty Representative serves as an ex officio (and voting) member of the University Senate and the University Senate Executive Committee, and serves as chair of the Faculty Personnel Committee. Immediately upon election, the Faculty Representative-Elect shall be an ex officio (and voting) member of the Faculty Personnel Committee. If the Senate term expires before the expiration of the term as Faculty Representative, the representative becomes an ex officio (voting) member of the University Senate, University Senate Executive Committee, and the Faculty Personnel Committee for the remainder of the term of office. (F 5/10, 5/11)

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Section U – Academic Staff Representative to UW System:
The Academic Staff Representative to the University of Wisconsin System shall be elected by and from the academic staff members of the University Senate at the first fall-semester meeting of the University Senate of even-numbered years. The term of office shall be for two years beginning the next July 1. (AS 5/10)
The Academic Staff Representative serves as an ex officio (and voting) member of the University Senate and the University Senate Executive Committee, and serves as chair of the Academic Staff Personnel Committee. Immediately upon election, the Academic Staff Representative-Elect shall be an ex officio (and voting) member of the Academic Staff Personnel Committee. If the Senate term expires before the expiration of the term as Academic Staff Representative, the representative becomes an ex officio (voting) member of the University Senate, University Senate Executive Committee, and the Academic Staff Personnel Committee for the remainder of the term of office. (AS 5/10, 5/11)

Debate on Motion
• None

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

Vote on Motion 46-SE-03(Section T): PASSED without dissention by Faculty

Vote on Motion 46-SE-03(Section U): PASSED without dissention by Academic Staff

5. University Senate Chair’s/Vice Chair’s Report – Chair Harrison/Vice Chair Spaeth
   • Bylaw changes that allow students to officially be recognized on some University Senate committees and in the University Senate has been approved by the Chancellor
   • Will become effective with the publication of the bylaws in July
   • Eau Claire Baseball History Committee
Chair Harrison received a letter requesting support for the reinstatement of BluGold Varsity Baseball at UWEC.
After consulting with Shared Governance Chair Harrison forwarded the letter to Dr. Bernard Duyfhuizen, Chair of the Blue Ribbon Commission and Vice Chancellor Hellwig, Supervisor of Athletics for response.
Such action was noted in her response to the Baseball History Committee and then reported to the Executive Committee and University Senate.

Two University Senate meetings left this semester
Proposed bylaw changes or general motions must be submitted to the University Senate Office no later than 2:00 p.m. on April 19th to be placed on the Senate agenda for April 26th.

6. Faculty Representative’s Report – Senator Peterson
Don’t have a meeting until May
Agenda looks short so if one has an item of business please forward to Faculty Rep Peterson

7. Academic Staff Representative’s Report – Senator Lee
Met via video conference last Friday to discuss the UW System Academic Staff Leadership Conference
Coming up at the University of Wisconsin – Fox Valley
Starts July 14th and 15th
Starts at 11:00 on July 14th and ends at noon on July 15th
Will have speakers and a panel discussion
Some of the speakers are not yet confirmed but Ben Merens will be the key speaker
In the past Provost Kleine and Vice Chancellor Hellwig have funded this opportunity
Let Academic Staff Rep Lee know if you would like to go

8. Reportable items from Committees
Executive Committee
Newspaper Readership Program
Jacob Kampen addressed the committee about the opportunities for faculty and staff to purchase newspapers at the student rate
He was asked to work with Senator Pollitz, Director of the Library, to advertise the program
University Senate motion making UWEC a smoke-free campus
Was not approved by the Chancellor
Executive Committee voted to delay consultation until it received the results of the proposed committee as outlined by the Chancellor
Merging the role of Graduate Dean and Continuing Education Director
Heard plans about this possibility
Would be put into one Administrative Dean position
It was suggested that emeriti faculty be consulted as well for input
At next week’s meeting AAUP’s Statement on Professional Ethics will be discussed

Academic Staff Personnel Committee
Will be meeting Thursday, April 21st at 11:00

Academic Policies Committee
This afternoon APC approved hybrid and on-line courses
Motion will be coming to the University Senate soon

Report from the Nominating Committee
Nominees for Senate Vice Chair-Elect: Linda Spaeth, Academic Skills and Katie Wilson, Health Services

Special Reports
Senator Pollitz, Chair of the Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Search & Screen Committee
Acknowledged that there was a level of concern about bringing one candidate to campus without announcing the other two candidates
• Are bringing three excellent candidates to campus
• The reason all the names were not released prior was because we had to move very quickly on the first
candidate because he spends most of his time in Saudi Arabia and he happened to be available and in
the US for only the early part of April
• Had to move quickly with his schedule but did not have the entire schedule for the other candidates
confirmed
• The other two candidates are now public information on the website
• News Bureau should make an announcement to this affect
• The same efforts will be made for all the candidates
• Not asking for presentation but instead an introduction and a question and answer session
• University Senate members invited to attend
• Last Wednesday the Chancellor had a Chamber Breakfast
• Opportunity to showcase the university
• Media coverage portrayed the Chancellors remarks as other than what they were
  • Made it sound like the Chancellor was targeting System, which is not correct
  • The entire remarks are on the Chancellor website and one can see all of what was said

10. Miscellaneous Business
• None

11. Announcements
• The spring business meeting of the University Faculty and Academic Staff will be held Tuesday, April 19th
 at noon in the President’s Room
• Immediately after the next University Senate meeting Chair Harrison will be representing the University
 Senate at a Teeter-Totter a Thon from 6-7 p.m.
  • Will be raising money for Autism Speaks, a national organization that funds research for cures,
    prevention, treatments and helps better the lives of those who are affected by autism
  • If you would like to contribute please contact Chair Harrison
• Upcoming Open Houses for Academic Affairs – Chat times with the Provost
  • Schofield 202 on April 14th from 1:30-2:30 and Phillips 224 on April 22nd from 11-12
• Next University Senate meeting is scheduled for April 26th
• Emergency Preparedness
  • Just did a test of 50 people, of which, 46 responded
  • Have another test scheduled in May
  • Since this is a new systems please encourage students and new staff to sign up
• Women and Gender Equity: Breaking the Silence takes place on Monday
  • An evening of celebration
  • Encourage all to participate
• Have around 10,000 new migrants to campus (2 new Bee Hives)
  • Got an environmental endeavors grant and the bee hives are in the back yard of the 1st house on
    Roosevelt Ave.

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

Submitted by,

Tanya Kenney
Secretary to the University Senate