Members Present:
Cindy Albert, Jason Anderson, Lori Bica, Janice Bogstad, Patrick Day, Doug Dunham, Martha Fay, Steve Fink, Mitchell Freymiller, Vanda Galen, Jeffrey Goodman, Gail Hanson Brenner, Susan Harrison, Kate Hinnant, Ann Hoffman, Jay Holmen, Debra Jansen, Robin Johengen, Patricia Kleine, Fred Kolb, Mary La Rue, Cheryl Lapp, John Lee, Paula Lentz, Lauren Likkel, Scott Lowe, Jill Markgraf, Pat Montanye, Joe Morin, Mike Morrison, Bob Nowlan, Jill Olm, Geoffrey Peterson, John Pollitz, Jean Pratt, Katie Ritland-Clouse, Mitra Sadeghpour, Lisa Schiller, Patti See, Sherrie Serros, Linda Spaeth, Marie Stadler, Sharon Westphal, Kurt Wiegel, Kate Wilson, Jerry Worley, Rama Yelkur

Members Absent:
Julie Aminpour, Robin Baker, Mary Belknap, Chip Eckardt, Jeff Erger, Beth Hellwig, Phil Ihinger, Andrew Jepsen, Paul Kaldjian, Jennifer Lee, Brian Levin-Stankevich, John Mann, Karl Markgraf, Jason Mathwig, Rick Mickelson, Tarique Niazi, Rob Reid, Kate Reynolds, Sheila Smith, Jeri Weiser, Theresa Wells, Odawa White, Becky Wurzer

Guests:
Kris Anderson, Karen Havholm, Marty Wood, Ezra Zeitler

The regular meeting of University Senate was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:05 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 in the Tamarack Room of Davies Center.

1) Minutes of October 11, 2011 University Senate meeting approved as distributed

2) Remarks – Administration
- Comments by Provost Kleine
  - At the Chancellor’s cabinet meetings we try to go to different places around campus and today we went to HSS
  - Could not have been a better venue as it really reminded every one of us about the mission of the institution, the remarkable people that we work with and the services that we provide
- State budget
  - The reductions that we have been asked to take are deep and real
  - This is the first time we have faced these types of challenges
  - This afternoon a budget overview presentation will take place immediately following the adjournment of Senate; this talk will go over the different aspects of our budget
    - Encourage those who can stay to do so
  - UWEC’s share of base (permanent) budget reduction is 5.1 million
  - Tuition has increased as well as employee contributions, so the reduction is then 1.7 million after those
  - Also there is a onetime budget reduction (lapse) that will be 2.4 million
  - For a total of 4.1 million for UWEC academic year 2011-2012
  - Chancellor has already approved that up to 50 percent of the 2.4 million could be covered by our central carry over funds
  - Please note what these funds are and what they are not
  - We knew a lapse was possible but didn’t know 38.8 percent would be for the UW
    - Our share is typically 7 percent
    - Would like to see utilities removed from the budget lapse
    - The proportion of the state lapse should be adjusted and this is what the Chancellor is asking
  - Several open forums have been held across campus; presentation also on the website
    - Go to the state budget update, click on it, then to November 4th, 2011, then to archived video
• There are still things we don’t know
• Budget reduction is based on the revenue our state anticipates collecting
• Our state will most likely not collect all the revenue that we need to support all that the state does
• But we don’t know what the revenue will be
• Our revenue, as a state, will determine the size of the lapse; although we are preparing for the 38.8 percent, it could be something different
• We don’t know if there will be a lapse in the next biennium
• Based on the questions presented at the forums and what is being heard on our campus, there will be a FAQ coming later this week or early next week that will answer those questions, so please be watching for this
• There are banners across campus - one says sustainability
  • This means more than just being green; it means sustaining the quality of this institution, sustaining the mission, sustaining the people and sustaining the students that we have here
• Another banner has stewardship
  • This is the effective and efficient use of our resources, the fiscal resources
  • Effective and efficient use of those to deliver the highest quality of education to our students that we can
• The students are paying 5.5 percent more in tuition this year so they believe in us
• We need to continue to work together

3) Reports
   a) Faculty Reps Report - October
   b) Faculty Reps Report - November

4) Unfinished Business
   a) Nominating Committee election
      • Nominees
      • Martha Fay, Communication & Journalism
      • Vanda Galen, Social Work
      • Kate Reynolds, Foreign Languages
      • Tarique Niazi, Sociology
      • Doug Dunham, Materials Science
      • No additional nominees from the floor

   Elected to the Nominating Committee: Martha Fay

   b) Academic Staff Personnel Committee IAS election
      • Nominees:
      • Traci Thomas-Card, English
      • Julie Eklund, English
      • No additional nominees from the floor

   Elected to the Academic Staff Personnel Committee: Julie Eklund

   c) Second Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee
      Authorized Absence Motion (same motion/additional content)

      Motion 48-AP-01
      Continued Debate
      • Required legal obligation is redundant as any legal obligation is required
• Should state unavoidable

MOTION by Senator Likkel to amend the motion by changing the word required to unavoidable, seconded

Debate on amendment
• Changing the word to unavoidable doesn’t solve the problem

Vote on amendment to the motion: FAILED

Debate on original motion
• Opens up a lot of things that include jail time and we can leave these decisions to faculty
• Questioning if standing in line to get a conceal carry license would qualify under this

Vote on Motion 48-AP-01: DEFEATED by majority

5) New Business
a) First Reading: Motion from the Faculty Personnel Committee
   FPC Membership Language
   Motion 48-FP-02

   Debate
   • None

MOTION by Senator Freymiller to suspend the rules to allow us to vote on this today, seconded and PASSED

Continued Debate
• None

Vote on Motion 48-FP-02: PASSED without dissention

6) Announcements
• Don’t forget about the budget presentation today at 4:00 p.m.
• Discussion about what authorities should be granted to committees
  • Questioning if the motion(s) today needed to come to the floor of the senate
  • Committees should not change their own bylaws without some oversight
  • Don’t know if (the last motion today) needed to go to the full senate
  • Seems like Executive Committee could have made this decision
  • The whole motion took less than 3 minutes so that is not a waste of senate’s time
  • If the Executive Committee were given that authority and something happens that the senate does not agree with, it then could come to the full senate as the next step
  • The Senate office would have a website that lists all the motions and also allow feedback and have requests to have the motion talked about with the greater body

Without objection, meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tanya Kenney
Secretary to the University Senate