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Members Present:
Cindy Albert, Julie Aminpour, Jason Anderson, Lori Bica, Patrick Day, Doug Dunham, Martha Fay, Steve Fink, Mitchell Freymiller, Gail Hanson Brenner, Susan Harrison, Beth Hellwig, Kate Hinnant, Ann Hoffman, Jay Holmen, Phil Ihinger, Paul Kaldjian, Patricia Kleine, Fred Kolb, Jennifer Lee, Lauren Likkel, Scott Lowe, John Mann, Jill Markgraf, Rick Mickelson, Pat Montanye, Joe Morin, Mike Morrison, Bob Nowlan, Jill Olm, Geoffrey Peterson, John Pollitz, Jean Pratt, Rob Reid, Mitra Sadeghpour, Sherrie Serros, Sheila Smith, Linda Spaeth, Marie Stadler, Jeri Weiser, Theresa Wells, Sharon Westphal, Kurt Wiegel, Kate Wilson, Lynn Wilson, Jerry Worley, Rama Yelkur

Members Absent:
Robin Baker, Janice Bogstad, Chip Eckardt, Jeff Erger, Vanda Galen, Jeffrey Goodman, Debra Jansen, Andrew Jepsen, Robin Johengen, Mary La Rue, Cheryl Lapp, John Lee, Paula Lentz, Brian Levin-Stankevich, Karl Markgraf, Jason Mathwig, Tariqee Niazi, Kate Reynolds, Katie Ritland-Clouse, Lisa Schiller, Patti See, Odawa White, Becky Wurzer

Guests:
Margaret Cassidy, Corydon Fish, Barb Hanson, Karen Havholm, Teresa O’Halloran, K. Lee, Sue Pettis, Gail Scukanec, Alex Smith, Carolyn Tiry, Duane Van Dresar, Michael Weil, Marty Wood

The regular meeting of University Senate was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:05 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 in the Tamarack Room of Davies Center.

1) Minutes of April 24, 2012 University Senate meeting approved as distributed

2) Minutes of April 17, 2012 University Faculty and University Academic Staff Spring Business Meeting approved as distributed

3) Remarks – Administration
• Comments by Vice Chancellor Hellwig
  • Comments about the New Davies Student Center
    • After talking with staff, faculty and students about not being able to offer any kind of food venues with the new building being under construction and hearing concerns, as of today it has been confirmed that Blugold Dining, Centers and Student Affairs will offer a small food venue where the library coffee shop is currently located
      • Will have coffee, sandwiches, salads and pastries
      • A number of businesses on Water Street do deliver as well
    • On May 21st the very beginning of construction will occur right outside of Schofield Hall
      • The tunnel cannot be utilized at that point
    • There will be a period of time where we will be having a surplus sale
    • The Davies operation will shut down May 18th
    • July 23rd a soft opening for the new Davies is tentatively scheduled
    • Grand opening is scheduled for late September during homecoming (September 29th) as there are so many alumni that helped make this building a reality
  • Comments by Provost Kleine
    • The budget for UW System always takes place in June but they began to roll out aspects at the last meeting
      • This year the budget is more or less going to be related to Act 32 Accountability Standards
      • The legislature has sent us very clear signals that it is very interested in the Act 32 Accountability Standards and it is going to house the budget bill on our ability to be accountable
      • The good news about that is that the System Office is not setting the benchmarks because what it wants to do is localize the Act 32 Accountability Measures
• By localize, meaning, that certain kinds of schools can define, assign and describe their own benchmarks
• Inside the budget, now projected to be about a 3 percent increase in the revenue they thought the state would take in, so UW system asks do we go in with 2.5% budget increase, 3%, or 3.5%
  • That decision hasn’t been reached
  • Want to make sure the revenue projections are accurate
  • Are putting in a 2% percent pay increase that stays constant through the entire budget
  • One category is cost to continue
    • The Provost thinks that the cost to continue should include the 2% raise
      • It should not be an add-on
      • Provost was not in the majority
      • Have to start recognizing that this is a cost to continue and it is not a luxury
  • Will be the first June meeting, might be scheduled for June 8th when budget is presented; Hope you are listening
  • Provost will ask for comments if she has a chance to see it prior to the June meeting
• An announcement will be made on May 14th, as it stands now, by Governor Walker
  • He will be talking about how the UW System will be responsive in putting together a degree that will allow people to work at their own pace, will give credit for prior learning, or prior work experience and can be done for about $10,000
  • The question is who can put that kind of degree together
  • Many do not believe that the System Office or the Extension Office should be a degree granting authority
  • Many are very concerned about the caliber of the courses that will be offered, how will they get the enrollees, what is the business model
  • Encourage you to look at this
  • Mentioned publicly, by the Governor, that he would like to bring into this state Western Governor’s University as this is the model that he wants to follow
    • Also likes the business model at Southern New Hampshire
      • Leave the core untouched but still build an empire
      • When our Extension Office needed a model they traveled to new Hampshire and we are going to attempt to replicate
  • Reality is that in the State of Wisconsin 17,000 adults are enrolled in programs like Globe, Rasmussen, ITT and etc. so the idea is that the 17,000 that are currently enrolled elsewhere would rather go to a UW
  • Assumption is that our own faculty will teach and create the modules
  • Admissions standards may follow the comprehensives
  • They still maintain that they can offer a $10,000 degree
  • The hope is that we will hear about this on the 14th
  • System will come up with an alternate degree seeking program that is low cost and self-paced
  • Clear that we need to provide this kind of degree
• Time of incredible celebrations
  • Honors Symposium, Research Day, Math Retreat, Record number of Fulbright Scholars, Sabbatical leaves, Retreats
    • These people don’t do this alone
    • It is because of the time, energy and creativity of the staff
    • The students are really good about reminding people that the reason they are doing so well is because they have a mentor, scholar or person with them
    • Congratulations to all the staff
• University Senate
  • Recognize that Senate took a look at how to improve Senate functions and its processes have changed
  • We still get the reports but are very different and we serve as a model of change that has to happen as we move into the 21st century; this is very important
  • The Topic of the Day piece is fantastic
    • Thanks to all of you as it was a very informative piece
• APC, ULEC and UAC accomplished such a large amount of work and it is impressive
• What you are doing is important and valuable to this institution
• Smoking Policy
  • There was a slight change to the map in relation to the Nursing Building
  • Facilities is working on getting the new signs and the removal of the receptacles that are currently in areas where smoking is not allowed is being worked on
  • Will see changes on campus that reflect those changes
• BPS Online Degree Program
  • Most of us are counting on enrollment in our own online degree programs
  • Was also brought up when they were talking about the Extension degrees as many of us are going in there far deeper than we have in the past and in a sense may be cannibalizing our degree programs
  • They maintain that the people that are currently enrolled elsewhere are there for another kind of program (self-paced) and they don’t think it will impact our kind of program as will attract a different kind of student
  • The thought of a $10,000 potential degree and what kinds of degree or degrees that would be offered
  • Thought was that the two-year schools that have been allowed to offer the Bachelor of Applied Arts & Sciences
    • Would be looking at a program that would be more in tune to that
    • Mirror Bachelor of Applied Arts & Sciences
    • Might morph into more of a Business Degree
    • Concept is being put together very quickly

4) Reports
   a) Faculty Rep’s/Chair’s Report from May 4, 2012
   b) Academic Staff Rep’s Meeting Minutes from March (Draft)
   c) University Personnel Structures (Time for Questions)
      http://web.uwsa.edu/personnelsystems/development-documents/ups-recommendation-(april-may-2012)/
      http://www.uwec.edu/hr/Forms/UPSPowerPoint.pdf
      • Donna Weber sent out an email giving you an opportunity to comment on the Personnel Structures, please take advantage of this

Comments from Chair Harrison
• The terms of the following senators are expiring: Julie Aminpour, Robin Baker, Patrick Day, Jeff Erger, Martha Fay, Vanda Galen, Andrew Jepson, Paul Kaldjian, John Mann, Jill Markgraf, Karl Markgraf, Jill Olm, Jean Pratt, Mitra Sadeghpour, Sheila Smith, Marie Stadler, and Lynn Wilson
• The new Student Senate President is: Corydon Fish

5) Unfinished Business
   a) Second Reading: Motion from the Faculty Personnel Committee
      Split Appointment Language
      Motion 48-FP-03
      Continued Debate
      • None

      Vote on Motion 48-FP-03 as amended: PASSED without dissention

   b) Second Reading: Motion from the Executive Committee
      Senate Bylaw Changes
      Motion 48-SE-06
      Continued Debate
• None

**Vote on Motion 48-AS-01-i (Article One – University Faculty):** PASSED without dissention
**Vote on Motion 48-AS-01-ii (Article Two – University Academic Staff):** PASSED without dissention
**Vote on Motion 48-AS-01-iii (Article Three - University Senate):** PASSED without dissention
**Vote on Motion 48-AS-01-iv (Article Four – University Faculty Nominating Committee):** PASSED without dissention
**Vote on Motion 48-AS-01-v (Article Four – University Academic Staff Nominating Committee):** PASSED without dissention
**Vote on Motion 48-AS-01-vi (Article Four – University Senate Nominating Committee):** PASSED by majority

6) New Business
   a) First Reading: Motion from Academic Policies Committee
      Procedures for College Reorganization

      **Motion 48-AP-05**

      **Debate**
      • Definition of word proposal questioned as there is no formal proposal at this point
        • If a suggestion made at an administrator meeting justifies a motion that anytime someone suggests something then it is a proposal
        • Curious to know what this is suggesting
          • If a suggestion creates such a great deal of concern across campus then this motion is justified
          • Wanted to make sure in case this happened that this was in place
          • Given the scope of possible changes we wanted to make sure this process was followed

      **MOTION** by Senator Pratt to amend the language of the motion to include on page 127 in the Faculty and Academic Staff Rules and Procedures, under the chart, in footnote number 2: Proposals to establish, eliminate, or rename a college/school require action by the Academic Policies Committee and the University Senate, seconded.

      **Discussion on amendment**
      • Questioning if we have the legal authority to do that
      • The chart was created by the Senate so the faculty can say how to go through the curriculum, which is by State Statute, but like any curricular matter the faculty as a whole can supersede any committee on campus
        • So even though one says we require action by the Academic Policies Committee and the University Senate our Bylaws one could always go to the University Faculty as a whole and go straight to the top
        • You wouldn’t have to go through each level
      • Departments can be reorganized without their approval so how is that different
      • Eliminating, renaming and establishing new departments also should go through this same process
      • Is a difference between should and require
        • Required is what is stated but anyone higher can supersede
      • Current process of our handbook says that for schools/collages to establish a new college or school can start with the APC and go through Senate
      • Then it goes down to System Administration for information and their approval and the BOR for final approval to establish a new school or college
      • To eliminate or rename a college or school it should start with the college or school involved, the college or school faculty then through APC, then Senate, then System Administration and BOR
      • Leary about the word require as we can’t require anything
      • We want to ensure that the word “should” becomes a “require”
        • We want to make sure that it does not start above University Senate
• It does enforce that for something of this magnitude that we start it at least at APC
• According to established policy then it seems it would start at the college level, not APC
  • The amendment doesn’t not say that it could or could not stop any reorganization but that it
    should minimally start at APC

Vote on amendment: PASSED without dissention

Discussion on original motion as amended
  • 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-AP-05 as amended: PASSED without dissention

b) Senate Survey(s)

  Senator Survey: Committee Interest
  • None

  Feedback Form: Senate 2012 (RSVP by May 18)
  • None

7) Announcements
  • Upcoming chats with the Provost is scheduled for Wednesday May 9th at 2:00 p.m. in Hibbard Penthouse
  • Watch your email for the Senate Retreat this fall
  • Thanks to Chair Harrison for her services
  • Next scheduled University Senate meeting is September 11th
  • University Senate Executive Committee is on call this summer
  • Have a great and safe summer
  • 48th session is now adjourned

Without objection, meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tanya Kenney
Secretary to the University Senate