Members Present:  
Cindy Albert, Julie Aminpour, Cathy Berry, Lori Bica, Janice Bogstad, Gilles Bousquet, Mary Canales, Selika Ducksworth-Lawton, Doug Dunham, Chip Eckardt, Julie Eklund, Jeff Erger, Martha Fay, Steve Fink, Mitchell Freymiller, Jeffrey Goodman, Gail Hanson Brenner, Susan Harrison, Beth Hellwig, Jerry Hoepner, Phil Ihinger, Robin Johengen, Ryan Jones, Paul Kaldjian, Lee-Ellen Kirkhorn, Patricia Kleine, Fred Kolb, Mary La Rue, John Lee, Jill Markgraf, Karl Markgraf, Rick Mickelson, Pat Montanye, Joe Morin, Mike Morrison, Don Mowry, Bob Nowlan, Jill Olm, John Pollitz, Jean Pratt, Rob Reid, Sherrie Serros, Lisa Schiller, Linda Spaeth, Paul Thomas, Jeri Weiser, Theresa Wells, Sharon Westphal, Kurt Wiegel, Kate Wilson, Lynn Wilson, Jerry Worley, Rama Yelkur

Members Absent:  
Jason Anderson, Jon Bollinger, Julia Diggins, Todd Glaser, Ann Hoffman, Jay Holmen, Paula Lentz, Jason Mathwig, Geoffrey Peterson, Kate Reynolds, Patti See, Johannes Stroschänk, Odawa White, Becky Wurzer

Guests:  
David Baker, MJ Brukardt, Bernard Duyfhuizen, Karen Havholm

The regular meeting of University Senate was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:05 p.m. on Tuesday, September 25, 2012 in the Dakota Ballroom (Room 340) of Davies Center.

1) Minutes of September 11, 2012 University Senate meeting approved as distributed

2) Administrator Remarks – Chancellor Bousquet
   • Special week as it is homecoming
     • The parade is Saturday at 10:00 a.m.
     • Hope you made plans to be in the parade
     • In keeping with the strong bike culture here on campus the Chancellor will ride his bike in the parade
     • Please join him to support sustainability and health
     • Will also try to have an electric vehicle in the parade

   • Rededicating the Priory
     • This event will take place Thursday afternoon at 3:30 p.m.
     • Will be getting a notification about this
     • The Priory is a way to get this institution thinking a little bit outside the box
     • An excellent opportunity for the university
     • Are now putting together a committee which will look at the possibilities of programming, various aspects of facilities, financial planning and how UWEC can be showcased through the Priory

   • Children’s Nature Academy Official Opening
     • Thursday afternoon at 4:00 p.m.
     • That evening the Foundation Circle of Excellence will be meeting
     • These are the top donors for the Foundation
     • The Foundation is there to support UWEC
     • This is a wonderful group of advocates to support the programs and goals of the university

   • Official Opening of the new Davies Center
     • Friday at 3:00 p.m.
     • Will be a great celebration
     • Several former student body presidents will be there as they advocated for this building
     • Great tool for recruiting and showcasing the university

   • Progress of major initiatives
You will hear today about the Confluence project as it will be discussed by Mike Rindo
- This is a project that involves a public/private partnership
- Have to keep moving forward
- The information is evolving daily
- Not a single group that is moving forward but rather several groups
- Enables us to leverage resources and move forward
- The Confluence Project will also be discussed at the upcoming Regents’ meeting which will take place at UW Stout next week Thursday and Friday
- Presentation to City Council
- Is a complex project and we are doing our best to keep everything moving forward
- The deadline for comments and feedback for the UW System Personnel Changes is on October 19th

3) Reports
- Comments from Chair Harrison
  - Communication Channels
    - At the Opening Workshop on August 27th, the Chancellor talked about looking forward to building formal and informal communication channels
    - In the past senators have also mentioned the need for better communications
    - At the last Senate meeting, the Chancellor announced the Chancellor Q&A session the following week
    - The event was then publicized on the weekly e-bulletin distributed across campus on Monday the 17th
    - The Q&A was held at noon on the 18th in Haas Fine Arts but no one except administrative staff, the photographer, news reporters and Chair Harrison was there to participate in the question and answer session
    - If we expect our administrators to keep the lines of communication open, we need to do our part in participating when the opportunity to do so is presented
    - Questioning if placing this in the bulletin is enough
    - Comments from Senators
      - Noon is a poor time to have a meeting
      - The meeting should be announced sooner
      - Would be beneficial to have a one to two week notice and a reminder
      - Conflicted with the Blugold Differential Tuition meeting
  - Chancellor Search and Screen
    - Has been holding Open Forums regarding the Chancellor’s position description
    - A Community Open Forum is tonight at 7 p.m. in the IMC at Memorial High School
    - A Campus Open Forum is tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Oak Room
- Faculty Personnel Committee
  - We met last week and are considering changes to the language in the handbook that deals with appeal of tenure denial decisions
- Academic Policies Committee
  - Liberal Education Reform proposal as it was left off last year
  - Are revisiting the requirements for Integrative Learning
  - Request from APC Chair Pratt
    - We do maintain a Liberal Education website for you to put your input and APC does read that input before every meeting so please read that and respond
    - The Chairs from all 4 colleges have been meeting and discussing revisions to our accepted Liberal Education Learning Goals and Outcomes and those should also have your faculty input
    - The input could very well reflect the work that is being done on the implementation
- Executive Committee
  - Next week the Executive Committee will be discussing changes in the Compensation Committee membership language that must occur as the System Working Group on Compensation has dissolved
  - Changes to the membership of the Executive Committee due to recent Senate Officer bylaw changes
  - Starting discussion of the implications of limiting the scope of faculty status
- Budget Committee
  - Meeting Tuesday, October 2nd from 11:00 – 12:00 in the OL 1122
• Please feel free to join

4) Special Orders
   a) University Senate Elections – Elections for University Senate Committees (see details below)

   b) University-wide Elections – Elections to fill vacancies on University Committees (see details below)

Without objection, **New Business will be interspersed within the various elections.**

5) New Business
   a) Updates on Construction Projects – Mike Rindo
      • This past summer was one of the busiest construction periods on this campus since late 60’s and early 70’s
        • The new Davies was being finished
        • The central campus mall was torn up for installation of new sewer lines, storm water, steam lines, signal lines
        • The campus school was deconstructed
        • The Education Building was started
        • We were converting the Priory to the Children’s Center
        • Reconstructing the footbridge
        • Reconstructing Haas Fine Arts and HSS Parking Lot
        • Little Niagara was restored to its more natural state.
        • Parking lot
          • Had a new HSS parking lot and then a Haas Fine Arts parking lot
          • Was a tight fit to get that done before classes started but were successful in making that paved and striped
          • The sod installation took place a few weeks after band practice started so we had to do some relocation
          • Were able to make accommodations
          • We put down very large chunks of sod (42 inches wide and 10 feet long)
          • The last light fixtures should be delivered today and installed by the end of the week or early next
          • Suggestion that there be only right turns out of the Water Street Lot
            • Worked with the city to create better visual lines
            • May have a resolution in the coming weeks
        • Education Building
          • It is going up
          • We expect that it should be enclosed by January
          • Project for the most part is on time but are having an issue with steam line reengineering that has to be done in order to connect with the building
            • Need to have heat during the cold winter months
          • Neighbors have been very patient and satisfied
          • No other items besides the lights that are planning on being done
            • If there are unknown dangers please relay that information to Mike Rindo
        • Campus Green Space Reconstruction
          • There are currently forms going in for one of the large plaza
          • The main concentration right now is the area around Schneider and Phillips to finish the sidewalk that is between Phillips and Roosevelt and then to do the connection to the third footbridge over Little Niagara to connect that area to this part of Davies Center
          • Will also be concentrating on the sidewalk that runs from Schofield to Schneider and from Schofield to the Library
          • The amphitheater is also being grated and you can see that starting to take place
• All of that is planned to flow into the redevelopment of the old Campus Mall after the Education Building is complete
• It should be a spectacular space
• The bulk of the work will be done over the next month then the grass will be seeded
• Because it is a great lawn concept there will be trees but wanted to keep the sight lines open so there will not be a lot of trees planted
• The clock will go back
  • Is currently stored between the garage and the Phillips Hall Building
  • It may not go exactly where it was as it may be put a little bit to the south so you can see it from the new green space as well as from the old green space
  • Since there will be more traffic because of the Education Building there will be more hardscape in that area
• Part of the Master Plan signage for campus
  • Questioning of the Kent State Plaque and if it will go somewhere
  • There has been an overall comprehensive signage plan that has been developed and you’ve seen the first of those signs coming in to this building
  • There will new standards for memorials
  • We will no longer do living memorials
    • Have had experiences with trees dying and trees that have great significance
    • Would rather do a memorial that really acknowledges and gives more information about what occurred there
  • In process right now of developing that standard for memorials and significant landmarks on campus
  • Alumni and faculty have been working with John Bachmeier of the Alumni Association on how we will best go about coming up with a new design and restoring the plaque
  • Intention is also to have a landmark for the Council Oak Tree telling people which tree it is and what the significance is to the campus and to the community and our history
    • The fence that is currently around the Council Oak will come down eventually but not until construction is done
• Garfield Avenue
  • The Master Plan calls for the redevelopment of Garfield Avenue, which is primarily pedestrian and bike
  • Vehicular traffic would be limited to service vehicles, emergency vehicles and possibly transit
  • In the 2013-2015 biennium the BOR have included a recommendation that Garfield Avenue redevelopment be included as a capital project for the Governor and Legislature to consider
  • It is about a $12.4 million dollar project
  • It involves taking out all the existing utilities, which are aging and in some cases failing
  • Would replace sanitary sewer, storm sewer, steam line, reconfigure Garfield Avenue in accordance with the Master Plan and pull it away from the river, reconfigure south end of the foot bridge to eliminate the 90 degree turns and the conflicts that exist because of the crossings that occur between pedestrians and bicyclists, and create some green space along the river to incorporate the river more seamlessly into campus life
  • The preliminary design work is done so we understand the scope of that project and what we need to do
  • The expectation is that this construction would start in spring of 2014
  • We will go through the design process later this academic year
  • There may be changes at the bottom of the hill due to the angles as well as some grade changes that we will try to even out
    • We remain concerned about the hill and the safety with the bicycles coming down there as we are still seeing some bicycles accidents
    • Can’t change the grade significantly
  • The project will also call for the elimination of Putnam Parking Lot and the conversion of that into outdoor classroom space as well as an enhanced entrance into that area of Putnam Park
• Residence Hall Project
  • As part of the Master Plan we conducted a comprehensive Housing Demand Study
That study showed that there is a significant greater demand for university housing than there is supply
- We are 108% capacity of our student housing
  - Students are living in study lounges and other converted space that is available within our residence halls
- We currently house approximately 4000 students on campus and there is a demand for 4700 beds
- Currently we have a demand that far exceeds our current supply and in the Master Plan we have identified several residence halls that will be removed
  - Katharine Thomas and Putnam will eventually be taken down in order to make way for a new Science Building
  - And also possibly Horan Hall
  - They are our 3 oldest halls on campus
- You have to be able to make the determination whether it makes sense to invest in older housing stock or to start from scratch
- In addition to that we have a demand for different style housing
  - Currently Chancellors Hall is apartment style residence hall
  - Virtually all of the rest of our housing stock is 2 students to a room with a communal bath
  - Students would like more options such as a suite or semi suite style
    - Some shared living and bathroom space
  - There is also demand for more apartment style housing, similar to Chancellors Hall, and also a demand for off campus student resident halls that are in close proximity to campus
- First objective is to get students out of hotels
- Second objective is to de-densify existing halls
  - Get students out of study lounges, converted spaces and to get to the point that resident assistants do not have roommates
- The first hall that we will be looking at is one on upper campus by the tennis courts, governors lot and Horan Hall
  - Will be doing an analysis of Horan Hall to see if worth investing in or if it should be demolished and a larger residence hall should be constructed
    - Would be two phases
    - Could be in the neighborhood of 350 beds
    - We have gone through an architecture and engineering selection process although not one has yet been selected by the Division of Facilities Development and the Department of Administration
    - Incorporated into the BOR recommendations was a new residence hall for $33 million
      - That is the on campus residence hall
  - Across the street from Phillips
    - The Master Plan includes construction of a small (100 to 150 bed) residence hall
    - Where the 3 houses and the Visitors Center are on Roosevelt
    - Would do that before Katharine Thomas and Putnam come down because we need to have a lower campus residence hall option
    - Short term would be that Phillips comes down after the new Science Hall is constructed in 2 phases and is preserved for future academic building construction
    - The parking lot would not be replaced
    - Mike Rindo stated that we don’t have an issue with not enough parking the issue is just that it is not where people want it to be
    - Residential neighborhood has been included in the discussions and all have been consulted
      - They understand what the universities plans are
      - As long as it is a modest size residence hall then there are no objections
- Confluence Project
  - It was announced May 15
  - We are working on the process for moving it through the various approvals that are needed
  - Definition: Is a public/private partnership that combines a mixed use development: Student housing and shared University Community Arts Center at the Confluence of the Eau Claire Chippewa Rivers at what is commonly known as the Haymarket site in downtown Eau Claire
The Hay Market site is opposite Phoenix Park

The Properties were purchased by Haymarket Concepts LLC, which is a partnership between Commonweal Development Corp., Market & Johnson Inc. and Blugold Real Estate LLC

They purchased those two pieces of land

Expanding the site to include buildings along South Barstow Street to allow for additional commercial space also is being considered

The components then are: an approximate 150,000 square foot University Community Arts Center; The universities share of that would be approximately ½

$25 million of the $50 million dollar project would be funded by the university and would be both dedicated to university space as well as space that is available to the university for its use

The primary components of the Community Arts Center include:

- A 1,200- 1,500 seat main theatre to replace and enhance the State Theatre in downtown Eau Claire
  - The State theatre is owned by the Eau Claire Regional Arts Council
  - Was built in 1928 as a vaudeville house
  - It is in disrepair and they have done a number of studies that indicate it would cost more than $10 million just to extend its useful life without enhancing substandard stage, support facilities, dressing rooms and etc.

- A 450 seat theatre that would replace UW-Eau Claire’s aging Kjer Theatre

- A 250-seat black box-style theatre
  - All these would be designed for maximum flexibility
  - Would have shared lobby space and all the support areas that are needed
  - Kjer Theatre was built when we had 750 students
  - Has limited stage space and the dressing room doubles as a costume shop
    - It is not designed as a costume shop
    - Shop space is extremely limited and small
    - Things are not in ratio
    - Storage for the props is currently on a dirt floor
    - Prop shop is limited as well
  - Master Plan calls for improved arts facilities
  - The Confluence Center would take care of all the above needs, which would be defined by our faculty

- Fine Arts space
  - Particularly, sculpture and ceramics

- Also put in gallery space

- Put in a Community Art space

- Other sources of funding are:
  - $10-$13 million dollars in philanthropy
  - New market tax credits
  - We are asking for a $5 million dollar contribution from Eau Claire County
  - Then possibly some senior debt that would be retired through payments through the operating side of the Arts Center

The expectation is that if all of this comes together then there would be considerable improvements by the City of Eau Claire (that are not part of the $50 million dollar budget but are part of the project) such as:

- Doing site restoration
- Soil correction
- Flood plain issues
- There would be a river walk
- Public plaza
- A 200 stall parking garage for student housing

Master Plan calls for Kjer Theater, Brewer Hall and Zorn Arena to come down but it is to be reserved for future academic space (long term)

- May temporarily be used for parking or green space

- ½ of the square footage of the Confluence building is for the university or for use by the university
• There would be dedicated university space that is for our academic programs and would only be used by the university then there would be shared space to be used by both the university and the community
  • These decisions made by:
    • The first decision that needs to be made is what dedicated space does the university have
      • For what programs
      • The other part is, what is the shard space
      • Will most likely be dedicated university studios and dedicated community studios
      • Those decisions need to be driven by our faculty
  • The Master Plan called for the university to work with the community on a shared community arts center, shared major events center, and the location of student housing development in the community in close proximity to campus
    • The community can leverage state funds and the state can leverage community funds
    • We both can then get much more than any of us could get alone
      • That is the beauty of a project like this
  • We have heard very little about Art and Design
    • From fine arts perspective, what we like to see located in the Confluence
    • Need it to be much more effective and efficient
    • 3D area as it is limited in terms of space and ventilation
  • After the confluence we need to create new space then Haas Fine Arts renewal
    • How do we remodel this space so better serve our students
    • All of those things have to work together
    • Programming decisions have not yet been made
    • Has not been any design work done yet
    • Master Plan identified several possible sites in association with Haas Fine Arts
    • The Water Street parking lot could have been possible with a parking ramp
    • Ownership will be a condominium model
      • Distinct owners of each of the condominiums
      • Each maintains designated space
    • A consulting firm: Venue Works is helping to work through the governance issues because of the shared space
    • There are major players coming to the table to decide how the shared space works
      • The university would own and operate the student housing
      • Private developer(s) would own and operate the retail and office space
      • It will affect the cost of what students pay for housing on campus but we are lower than other institutions
    • Because of the flooding there is criteria for building
    • There is no expectation that this will be a source of revenue for the university as we would be paying our operating costs for the operating and maintenance of our prorated share of the arts center and the operating costs entirely for the student housing
    • May need to look at transit that goes back and forth due to student travel time
    • Physical Plant Planning Committee has not been involved in this at all
      • Would be one way to get university community involved
      • This committee used to be involved in many or all of the new buildings
      • It has governance implications
        • That involvement would be welcome but this needed to be in the budget for funding
        • and we had to work over the summer
    • One of the senators would like to see a possible motion or at least see that the Physical Plant Planning Committee be involved in this project
    • Seems like we shouldn’t be in such a great rush
      • We spent 2 years developing a Master Plan
      • It was transparent
      • We started considering this a year ago
      • There is a sense of urgency to get this in the pipeline for funding
• The State Theatre currently has a capacity of 1100 and the large theatre would hold between 1200-1500
• Would have 3 venues so can increase our capacity to have more performances
• Want a destination location
• There is a question and answer on this project on the news at UWEC
• Student Senate unanimously passed a resolution and are excited

6) Announcements
• Town Hall meeting on LGBTQ Campus Culture Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. in the Dakota Room
• Next university senate meeting is October 9, 2012
• Donna Weber will be in attendance to talk about the University Personnel Systems

Without objection, meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tanya Kenney
Secretary to the University Senate

Election report follows.
Nominations provided by the University Senate Nominating Committee

Executive Committee
Officers:
Susan Harrison, Chair (Mathematics)
Mitch Freymiller, Chair-elect (Biology)
Geoff Peterson, Faculty Rep.
Sherrie Serros, Mathematics, Vice-Chair-elect
Katie Wilson, Student Health Services, Academic Staff Rep
Linda Spaeth, Vice Chair

Continuing members of the Executive Committee:
  Rama Yelkur, Management & Marketing
  John Pollitz, Library
  Cindy Albert, CETL
  Paul Kaldjian, Geography & Anthropology
  Mary La Rue, Kinesiology
  Mike Morrison, Computer Science

1 Vacancy for University Academic Staff Senator
Must serve on University Senate
One year term

Report of the University Senate Nominating Committee
Nominees:
  Any Area: Julie Eklund, English

Additional nominations from the floor: None

Without objection, Julie Eklund to serve on the Executive Committee

Elected to serve on Executive Committee: Julie Eklund, English

Faulty Personnel Committee
Elected Faculty Senators:
  Sherrie Serros, Mathematics, A&S
  Geoff Peterson, Political Science, A&S
  Jeff Erger, Sociology, A&S

Elected by Faculty At-Large:
  Lisa Schiller, Nursing, NHS
  Scott Lester, Management & Marketing, BUS
  Thomas Lockhart, Physics & Astronomy, A&S

1 Vacancy for a faculty senator
Must serve on University Senate
Three year term
Report of the University Senate Nominating Committee

Nominees:
Any: Janice Bogstad, Library
Lee-Ellen Kirkhorn, Nursing

Additional nominations from the floor: None

Elected to serve on Faculty Personnel Committee: Janice Bogstad

Physical Plant Planning Committee
Continuing members:
   Ric Gonzales, Facilities Planner
   Steve Fink, Philosophy & Religious Studies
   John Pollitz, Library
   Jason Mathwig, Admissions
   Karl Markgraf, International Education
   Susan O’Brien, Art & Design
   Sasha Showsh, Biology
   Sean Hartnett, Geography

1 Vacancy for University Faculty Senator
Must serve on University Senate
Three year term

Report of the University Senate Nominating Committee
Nominees:
University Faculty: Doug Dunham, Materials Science

Additional nominations from the floor: None

Without objection, Doug Dunham to serve on the Physical Plant Planning Committee

Elected to serve on Physical Plant Planning Committee: Doug Dunham

Budget Committee
Continuing members:
   Peter Rejto, Building & Grounds
   Dave Gessner, Asst. C. for Budget and Finance
   Stephanie Jamelske, Budget Officer
   Gail Scukanec, Dean, EHS

Senators elected by Senate
   Fred Kolb, Economics, A&S
   Jay Holmen, Accounting & Finance, BUS
   Mary Canales, Nursing, NHS
   Chip Eckardt, LTS
   John Lee, LTS
   Robin Johengen, Career Services
1 Vacancy
Must serve on University Senate
Must be from the College of Education and Human Sciences
Three year term

Report of the University Senate Nominating Committee
Nominees:
   EHS: Jerry Worley, Education Studies

Additional nominations from the floor: None

Without objection, Jerry Worley to serve on the Budget Committee

Elected to serve on Budget Committee: Jerry Worley

Nominations provided by the University Faculty Nominating Committee

Compensation Committee
Elected Senators:
   Jeffrey Goodman, Psychology
   Janice Bogstad, Library
   Linda Spaeth, Student Support Services
   Todd Glaser, Athletics
Elected by University Faculty at-large:
   Sasha Showsh, Biology
Elected by University Academic Staff at-large:
   Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Student Affairs
   Jacqueline Bonneville, Advising
Also, UW-System Reps on Compensation and Fringe Benefits (non-voting):
   Stephanie Jamelske, Budget Officer
   Dave Gessner, Budget & Finance
   Fred Kolb, Economics

1 Vacancy
Must be University Faculty
Can be from Any Area
1 year term

Report of the University Faculty Nominating Committee
Nominees:
   University Faculty: Thomas Mihajlov, Accounting & Finance
   Kate Reynolds, Foreign Languages

Additional nominations from the floor: None

Elected to serve on Compensation Committee: Kate Reynolds
Faculty Personnel Committee

Elected Faculty Senators:
Sherrie Serros, Mathematics, A&S
Geoff Peterson, Political Science, A&S
Jeff Erger, Sociology, A&S

Elected by Faculty At-Large:
Lisa Schiller, Nursing, NHS
Scott Lester, Management & Marketing, BUS
Thomas Lockhart, Physics & Astronomy, A&S

1 Vacancy for University Faculty
Must be from the College of Education and Human Sciences
One year term

Report of the University Senate Nominating Committee
Nominees:
EHS: Otrude Moyo, Social Work

Additional nominations from the floor: None

Without objection, Otrude Moyo to serve on the Faculty Personnel Committee

Elected to serve on Faculty Personnel Committee: Otrude Moyo