Members Present:
Jason Anderson, Ryan Banaszak, Cathy Berry, Linda Carlson, Julia Diggins, Selika Duckworth-Lawton, Doug Dunham, Julie Eklund, Jeff Erger, Julie Fox, Mitchell Freymiller, Ned Gannon, Derek Gingerich, Jeffrey Goodman, Marc Goulet, Joe Haferman, Gail Hanson Brenner, Sanchita Hatí, Staci Heidtke, Beth Hellwig, Jerry Hoepner, Bob Hooper, Paul Kaldjian, Patricia Kleine, Fred Kolb, Cheryl Lapp, John Lee, Mary La Rue, Lauren Likkel, Jason Mathwig, Pat Montanye, Mike Morrison, Abe Nahm, Ann Papalia, Geoffrey Peterson, Jean Pratt, Manda Riehl, Kristin Schaupp, Lisa Schiller, James Schmidt, Patti See, Sherrie Serros, Lois Slattery, David Soll, Keith Stearns, Ganga Vadhavkar, Matthew Waters, Jeri Weiser, Kate Wilson, Lynn Wilson Marty Wood, Jerry Worley

Members Absent:
Cindy Albert, Julie Aminpour, Lori Bica, Janice Bogstad, Jon Bollinger, Chip Eckardt, Todd Glaser, Holly Hassemer, Jay Holmen, Rose Jadack, Laurel Kieffer, Jill Markgraf, Karl Markgraf, Don Mowry, Mary Nienow, Courtenay O’ Neil, Kate Reynolds, Odawa White

Guests:
Margaret Cassidy, Analisa DeGrave, Greg Falkenberg, Teresa O’Halloran, Bryan Larson, Stephanie Turner

The regular meeting of University Senate was called to order by Chair Freymiller at 3:04 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 in the Dakota Ballroom of Davies Center.

1) Approval of the October 8, 2013 University Senate minutes
   • Approved as distributed

2) Administrator Remarks
   • Chancellor Schmidt thanks everyone who took part in UWEC’s Inauguration Day
     • It was a beautiful day
     • Pictures will be up from that day and hopefully Max Garland’s poem will be posted as well
     • If we can work together and dream together and focus, then there is much that can be accomplished
   • Economic Development Grant
     • Two from UWEC were funded
       • About $3.2 million dollars was awarded to College of Nursing & Health Sciences to address the shortage of Nursing faculty
       • Geology Department was awarded $450,000 to focus on responsible mining
       • Congratulations to faculty/staff who worked really hard in a short time period to get these grants
   • Cabinet will be discussing enrollment at its upcoming meeting
     • Average student is picking up 75% of the cost of his/her education and our budget has become more sensitive to our enrollment
     • Our admissions staff will be working very hard as the December 1st deadline date for application materials approaches
     • Many tours of campus have occurred, so please make our visitors feel welcome
     • There have been a few glitches in our centralized application process, but we are working to fix that
     • Additional information on enrollment should be coming
3) Reports

a) Report from University Senate Chair Freymiller
   - Arts & Sciences Dean Search & Screen Committee
     - Conducted Skype interviews and reference checks for the candidates remaining in the pool
     - 12 of the 13 candidates were interviewed via Skype
     - One individual accepted another position and withdrew from the search
     - Committee met on October 21st to discuss the Skype interviews and to decide which candidates should have their references checked
     - One individual was eliminated at this point, leaving 11 candidates in the pool
     - Committee met again on October 28th to review the first Skype interviews and discuss the reference calls
     - After discussion, the committee decided to invite eight candidates for a second Skype interview
     - These interviews started on Friday, November 1 and concluded last week
     - Committee met on November 11 to decide which candidates to invite to campus for an interview
     - The plan is to finish on-campus interviews before the end of the fall semester
     - Interview dates and visit itineraries will be shared as soon as they are finalized
     - Chancellor approved all motions passed on October 8, except for the one on Kinesiology Emphases, which has been held for further consideration

b) Faculty Rep’s Report
   - Will meet again this Friday
   - Forward any comments or questions to Faculty Representative Peterson
   - Question on what is meant by the comment on “continuing to push for the 9/12 pay period issue”
     - It is the continued issue of allowing the option of getting your paycheck for 12 months of the year rather than 9 months
     - The issues is a technology issue

c) Academic Staff Rep’s Report
   - A recap was given
   - Any questions or comments for the upcoming meeting can be forwarded to Chair Freymiller as he will be attending in Academic Staff Representative Wilson’s place

d) Executive Committee Report
   - On October 15 the Executive Committee discussed the response from the Senate regarding the suggestion to modify the academic year calendar and the weekly timetable
     - It was decided that the timetable component be removed from the discussion and focus on the changes to the academic year calendar
     - A summary of the suggested changes and a rationale for those changes will be presented at a future Senate meeting when the academic year calendar will be the Topic of the Day
     - Frozen files were reviewed and it was determined that the membership of Senate was an appropriate reflection of the current size of the University Faculty and the University Academic Staff
     - Discussion was held regarding the impact of the Liberal Education Core Student Experience analysis held on October 29
     - The conversation focused on the actual ability to implement the Liberal Education Core that was passed last spring
     - Nov. 15th is a deadline, although not a hard and fast deadline
     - E-Form for courses converting from general education to the LE Core is available only to A & S at this time, but the Liberal Education Committee website is upgrading to include critical elements with another form for other colleges to include

4) New Business

a) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee
   - Latin American Studies Emphases
   - Debate
Without objection, we will vote on this today

Vote on Motion 50-AP-06: PASSED

b) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee

   Rename English Liberal Arts: Scientific & Technical Writing

   • Does not include speech
   • It uses all means of persuasion, except speech
   • The persuasion is in the civic engagement aspect
   • When scientists communicate their findings to a broader audience they need to be aware of their audience and the most effective way to deliver that information

   Debate

   • Interest in working with the Science Department to help students with different communication forms
   • Will make it more assessable
   • One has to understand his/her audience because it is about knowing your purpose and to whom you are trying to deliver your information

Without objection, we will vote on this today

Vote on Motion 50-AP-07: PASSED

c) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee

   Eliminate Pre-Law Pre-Professional Program

   • Pre-law advisor(s) should remove themselves from the catalog
   • If a student wants advising about law, there is a student group called Future Lawyers of America that could provide advising
   • This could be tricky from a recruitment standpoint
     • Have met with Advising and the Admissions Office and a plan has been created

   Debate

   • Those interested in ensuring that students have ease of access need to address this so it can be handled
   • Concern was expressed about bringing this back to the department
     • There is no reason why we have to vote on this today; it can be brought back in two weeks

Vote on Motion to take place at the next University Senate meeting

5) Announcements

   • The next meeting of the University Senate is scheduled for November 26th

Without objection, meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Secretary to the University Senate