November 26, 2013

Members Present:
Cindy Albert, Ryan Banaszak, Cathy Berry, Julia Diggins, Selika Duckworth-Lawton, Doug Dunham, Chip Eckardt, Julie Fox, Mitchell Freymiller, Ned Gannon, Derek Gingerich, Marc Goulet, Gail Hanson Brenner, Holly Hassemer, Sanchita Hati, Staci Heidtke, Beth Hellwig, Jerry Hoepner, Rose Jadack, Paul Kaldjian, Laurel Kieffer, Cheryl Lapp, Mary La Rue, Lauren Likkel, Jill Markgraf, Lisa Schiller, James Schmidt, Patti See, Lois Slattery, David Soll, Matthew Waters, Jeri Weiser, Jerry Worley

Members Absent:
Julie Aminpour, Jason Anderson, Lori Bica, Janice Bogstad, Jon Bollinger, Linda Carlson, Julie Eklund, Jeff Erger, Todd Glaser, Jeffrey Goodman, Joe Haferman, Jay Holmen, Bob Hooper, Patricia Kleine, Fred Kolb, John Lee, Karl Markgraf, Mike Morrison, Mary Nienow, Courtenay O’Neil, Geoffrey Peterson, Kate Reynolds, Manda Riehl, Sherrie Serros, Keith Stearns, Ganga Vadhavkar, Odawa White, Kate Wilson, Lynn Wilson Marty Wood

Guests:
Margaret Cassidy, Karen Havholm, Debra Jansen, Carter Smith

The regular meeting of University Senate was called to order by Chair Freymiller at 3:14 p.m. on Tuesday, November 26, 2013 in the Dakota Ballroom of Davies Center.

1) Approval of the November 12, 2013 University Senate minutes
   - Approved as distributed

2) Administrator Remarks
   - Have been working with an Alumni network and some chancellor colleagues on some legislative issues
     - Trying to figure out how we can talk about complicated matters in ways that legislators and the public can understand
     - Communication is a struggle; we need to figure out how we can talk about the budget, where we spend the money, what reserves mean, what our students will pay, and why we should express any demands
     - We need to do this in a clear and consistent manner
     - One of our great challenges will be to get it down to a picture
     - Have had good conversations with some alumni with good connections and strategies; we will be getting together for a shared governance meeting
   - Taskforce set up by the Chancellor’s group
     - Taking a look into some regional listening sessions in order to have some candid conversations with local legislators so we know what they expect of us and what they want from the University of Wisconsin System
     - We need to know what they are interested in before we can ask them for additional funds and more authority
   - Enrollment continues to be a topic at the cabinet level
     - A taskforce might be taking a look at some of the issues
       - Chancellor will bring forward any additional information
     - Dec. 1 is a priority date
       - Have had some complications because the System for collecting application data has not always been up
       - The Chancellor will be paying attention to enrollment
       - It is more than just our incoming student body as it is also our retention and graduation rates
• Allocation Model
  • A pretty fundamental question is what is the local impact
    • Local impact on dollars needs to be addressed
    • It is pretty murky because we could only find some things tweaked since the early 1970’s
    • The Board will be asked to adopt a policy
      • Chancellor Schmidt believes that we need to simplify our allocation models
      • It will not happen quickly and will most likely be very political

• Expansion of Engineering
  • UWEC has a Materials Science proposal to bring forward
  • Expect much discussion at the Regent’s meeting about this topic
  • Is a notion they may yet do a study to evaluate the needs
  • Will keep us informed as we move forward

• Confluence Project
  • Encourage all of you to attend the Confluence rally
  • A nice turn out at the rally would be helpful

3) Reports
   a) Report from University Senate Chair Freymiller
      • Interviews for the Vice chancellor for Administration and Finance have concluded
        • If you participated in any of the open forums or interview meetings the Search Committee would like your feedback
        • Candidates for the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences will be interviewing on campus over the next two weeks and all are encouraged to attend the open forums and participate in interview meetings

   b) Faculty Rep’s Report

   c) Academic Staff Rep’s Report

   d) Executive Committee Report
      • The suggestion to modify the academic year calendar was discussed again and Executive Committee decided to postpone further discussion on any changes to the academic year calendar until the Spring semester
      • 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”

   e) Other Committee Reports
      • Announcement from LTS
        • LTS will be proactively updating permissions on the W drive over Christmas, starting December 27th, in response to CryptoLocker threat
        • We have hundreds of thousands of directories and millions of files on W drive
        • We are also taking this to Senate Technology Committee next week
        • The issue is that some permissions on directories have become inconsistent, which potentially exposes us to the CryptoLocker threat
          • This could have devastating results
        • CryptoLocker encrypts the drive and any network mounted drives that the user has access to, essentially making the files unusable
        • If someone gets infected and has mapped drives, it would encrypt these directories so no one could access them
        • We do make constant backups, but this could leave many directories unavailable for hours to days, depending upon how many directories/files need to be restored
        • We are taking precautionary measures to minimize the risk of this happening on our campus
        • Permissions will be addressed and appropriate rights will be given
        • One thing you can do is hover over the link to make sure it matches what it says
        • Right now LTS will just be looking at the W drive
4) Unfinished Business

a) Second Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee

Eliminate Pre-Law Pre-Professional Program
- A request to withdraw the motion was made.

Debate
- None

Without objection Motion 50-AP-08 was withdrawn

5) New Business

a) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee

AA & AS Degrees

Debate
- None

Without objection, we will vote on this today

Vote on Motion 50-AP-09: PASSED

b) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee

English: Rename Literature Emphasis to Critical Studies

Debate
- None

Without objection, we will vote on this today

Vote on Motion 50-AP-10: PASSED

c) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee

Foreign Language: Add Emphasis in Linguistics (Spanish)
- Faculty workloads would not change significantly
- No seat changes would be necessary for the 100 level or 200 level courses

Debate
- None

Without objection, we will vote on this today

Vote on Motion 50-AP-11: PASSED

6) Announcements
- Encourage all to take advantage of the Back Our Blugold opportunities and support our students
  - Show your ID Card and you (and a guest) get admission into those events (exception of Men’s Hockey)
- The next meeting of the University Senate is scheduled for December 10th

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

Submitted by,

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