Members Present:
Cindy Albert, Julie Aminpour, Jason Anderson, Ryan Banaszak, Cathy Berry, Linda Carlson, Julia Diggins, Selika Ducksworth-Lawton, Doug Dunham, Chip Eckardt, Julie Fox, Mitchell Freymiller, Ned Gannon, Derek Gingerich, Marc Goulet, Joe Haferman, Gail Hanson Brenner, Holly Hassemer, Sanchita Hati, Jerry Hoepner, Jay Holmen, Bob Hooper, Paul Kaldjian, Laurel Kieffer, Patricia Kleine, Fred Kolb, Mary La Rue, John Lee, Lauren Likkel, Jill Markgraf, Jason Mathwig, Pat Montanye, Mike Morrison, Don Mowry, Mary Nienow, Ann Papalia, Geoffrey Peterson, Jean Pratt, Manda Riehl, Kristin Schaupp, Lisa Schiller, James Schmidt, Patti See, Sherrie Serros, David Soll, Keith Stearns, Matthew Waters, Marty Wood, Jerry Worley

Members Absent:
Lori Bica, Janice Bogstad, Jon Bollinger, Julie Eklund, Jeff Erger, Todd Glaser, Jeffrey Goodman, Staci Heidtke, Beth Hellwig, Rose Jadack, Cheryl Lapp, Karl Markgraf, Abe Nahm, Courtenay O’Neil, Kate Reynolds, Lois Slattery, Ganga Vadhavkar, Jeri Weiser, Odawa White, Kate Wilson, Lynn Wilson

Guests:
Rose Battalio, Mike Carney, Debra Jansen, Tessa Perchinsky, Jill Prushiek, Gail Scukanec, Cathy Thorsen

The regular meeting of University Senate was called to order by Chair Freymiller at 3:04 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 in the Dakota Ballroom of Davies Center.

1) Approval of the November 26, 2013 University Senate minutes
   - Approved as distributed

2) Administrator Remarks
   - Thanks for the wonderful semester
   - Chancellor was proud while recently in Madison because UWEC took center stage
     - Our Nursing College presented the economic development grant it recently received
     - Our Writing Center spoke about the great work that it has done on remedial education
       - Thanks to all who worked on the writing curriculum because it has set us apart among our peer institutions
   - Was a weekend of music for the Chancellor and his family
     - Attended the Jazz One concert on Friday, Madrigal dinner on Saturday, Holiday Concert on Sunday
     - UWEC is special because of the infusion of music into the university
     - Faculty and staff support our students and music has a similar effect
       - Those who participate in music are affected because it touches the soul and creates a brightness in our students that makes us very special
     - Look forward to discovering many more things that make this university special

3) Reports
   a) Report from University Senate Chair Freymiller
      - Gold Arrows
        - Copies of this year’s Gold Arrows were available for you to pick up along with your name tags
        - They will also be posted on the Strategic Planning website
        - These are priority activities, that after much discussion, the Chancellor and campus have selected for the upcoming year
        - The University Planning Committee discussed these priorities with the Senate in May
        - Your suggestions, as well as those from the Classified Staff Council and the Cabinet, have been incorporated
• These Gold Arrows are meant to guide our university as we determine what activities need our time and attention
• Not everyone will be involved in every Gold Arrow
• These are not the only things that we will do this year because we all have initiatives in our departments, units, and colleges to which we must contribute
• These are actions that we have agreed we must pay attention to if we are going to reach our goal of becoming a premier learning community
• The Chancellor will work with university leaders to identify ways in which these arrows can be implemented in the coming months
• If you have any questions about these Arrows or about our Centennial Plan contact a member of the University Planning Committee or MJ Brukardt

Motions
• Chancellor Schmidt has signed off on the following motions
  • Latin American Studies major
  • Renaming the Scientific and Technical Writing emphasis with the English major and minor

b) Faculty Rep’s Report
• Board of Regent’s meeting
  • Had a lot of positive feedback from the UWEC presentations
  • Update on the President’s search
    • They will be doing interviews on the 6th and 7th of January
      • If interested, the committee is taking feedback
    • The intent is to have the announcement made by the end of January if not sooner

c) Executive Committee Report
• Charles Farrell and Christian Wise presented a report on the process for negotiating the next food service contract
  • A request was made to provide Executive Committee members with a copy of the 2009 RFP to examine the language that goes into this negotiating process
  • Over the next two years input will be solicited from the University Senate, Student Senate, and the campus at large to help frame the next RFP
  • Questions and concerns about parking on campus were raised
    • The Executive Committee decided to hold an Open Forum on Tuesday, January 28th to discuss a variety of transportation issues, including bus ridership, bicycle policies, and parking
    • If anyone has suggestions for additional topics please contact Chair Freymiller or Tanya Kenney in the Senate Office
    • An agenda will be forthcoming

4) New Business
a) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee

Military Leave

Debate
• The term “Military Leave” that is used in the wording of the motion was questioned; it was thought that “leave of absence” would be more appropriate
• The term “military leave” has a definite meaning
• It applies to the entire time of one’s military commitment
• Under Federal Law, if someone is called to active duty then s/he must be held harmless
• The only items being changed by the motion are in bold-face type
• The use of military leave isn’t ideal in this document
• “Called to active service” may be more appropriate
• Military leave may have certain meaning if you are in the military
• It seems that what is in bold-face type is more of a withdrawal policy
  • It is more than just a withdrawal policy because students could also take an incomplete or choose to have their final grade based on their completion of coursework to date
• Does Point 2 require a student to use a “W” drop?
  • For Point 2, we wanted to be consistent with our current policies so an associate dean would have
    the ability to grant a withdrawal without a “W” on the transcript
  • It is not being defined too narrowly here, so we have leeway
• Term used is “military leave”
  • It is also referred to as active duty military leave and it triggers certain federal rights
  • Legal terminology overrides our handbook and we need to be in compliance

Without objection, we will vote on this today

Vote on Motion 50-AP-12: PASSED

b) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee

Unified Early Childhood

Rationale for Early Childhood Motions

Debate
  • None

Without objection, we will vote on this today

Vote on Motion 50-AP-13: PASSED

c) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee

UEC Prefix

Debate
  • None

Without objection, we will vote on this today

Vote on Motion 50-AP-14: PASSED

5) Announcements
  • Academic Staff Representative Katie Wilson gave birth to a baby boy earlier this month
  • Tuesday, January 21st will be the Opening Spring Meeting
  • The next meeting of the University Senate is scheduled for February 11, 2014

Without objection, meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tanya Kenney
Secretary to the University Senate