The regular meeting of University Senate was called to order by Chair Freymiller at 3:08 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 in the Schofield Auditorium.

1) March 25, 2014 University Senate minutes approved as distributed

2) Administrator Remarks
   • None

3) Reports
   a) Report from University Senate Chair Freymiller
      • On March 31st a letter was sent to Chancellor Schmidt from the Liberal Education Steering Committee Group regarding the Liberal Education Core motion passed by University Senate on May 13, 2013
      • A portion of the letter stated: On May 7, 2013, The University Senate passed a motion to establish a new Liberal Education Core. On May 31, Interim Chancellor Bousquet indicated that the motion was “being held for further consideration.” Since that time, extensive analysis and reflection regarding the ability of the institution to effectively implement the Senate-approved Liberal Education Core. For almost a year, department chairs, faculty and academic staff advisors, University Faculty senators, as well as ULEC and APC, have worked together to assess the viability of the Liberal Education Core. Such viability must include not only the ability of the institution to offer the necessary curriculum for satisfying the Liberal Education Core, but also the implication of doing so on key university concerns, such as four-year graduation rates, retention rates, transfer student receptivity, and alignment with larger UW System initiatives. After careful consideration of all of the information available,
the members of the Liberal Education Steering Group express their inability to endorse the Liberal Education Core motion as approved by the University Senate.

- After receipt of the letter, Chancellor Schmidt communicated to the Executive Committee that he would not be able to approve that Liberal Education Core motion

b) Faculty and Academic Staff Rep’s Reports
- Faculty Rep’s report will be submitted in writing
- **Academic Staff Rep’s report**
  - Did not make it to Madison because of the snow storm
  - Short verbal report given but a full written report will be submitted (Please see link above for written report)

Committee Reports
- Executive Committee
  - On April 1st Chancellor Schmidt shared his perspectives on Liberal Education at UWEC prior to stating that he would not be able to approve the Liberal Education Core motion that Senate passed on May 7, 2013
  - According to the FASRaP: article Three, Section F – Actions, on page 28:
    1. University Senate Actions Directed to the Chancellor

For those University Senate actions that are directed to the Chancellor, the following procedures shall be followed:

c. In the event that the Chancellor finds a University Senate recommendation unacceptable in whole or in part, these procedures will be followed:

1) For University Senate or faculty concerns:
   a) If the recommendation deals primarily with matters of concern to the University Faculty, a subcommittee composed of the University Faculty members of the Executive Committee will consult with the Chancellor concerning those aspects of the recommendation which are unacceptable. For University Senate concerns, the Executive Committee will consult with the Chancellor concerning those aspects of the recommendation which are unacceptable.
   b) If the Executive Committee or subcommittee feels that a modification of the recommendation would be acceptable to both the Chancellor and the University Senate, they may work with the Chancellor in an attempt to modify the recommendation.

- Following those procedures, a sub-committee of the University Faculty members of the Executive Committee will meet immediately following adjournment of this Senate meeting to begin negotiating with the Chancellor’s designee to modify the Liberal Education Core motion that was recommended to the Chancellor
- If a modification can be reached, Executive Committee will present that modification to the Senate at its next meeting

4) Special Orders

Nominations for Chair-Elect:
Mitch Freymiller, Biology

Additional nominations taken from the floor:
Vote for Chair-Elect to take place at the next University Senate meeting

5) New Business
   a) First Reading: Motion from the Faculty and Academic Staff Personnel Committees
      Administrative Search Committee Language
      Debate
      • None
      Without objection, we will vote on this today
      Vote on Motion 50-FP-02 and 50-AS-02: PASSED

   b) First Reading: Motion from the Faculty Personnel Committee
      DPC Voting Language
      Debate
      • None
      Without objection, we will vote on this today
      Vote on Motion 50-FP-03: PASSED

   c) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee
      Cross-listed Courses
      Debate
      • None
      Without objection, we will vote on this today
      Vote on Motion 50-AP-15: PASSED

6) Announcements
   • The next meeting of the University Senate is scheduled for April 22nd in the Woodland Theatre
   • The University Faculty and University Academic Staff Spring meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 22nd at noon in the Menomonie Room of Davies Center

Without objection, meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tanya Kenney
Secretary to the University Senate