Members Present:
Julie Aminpour, Ryan Banaszak, Cathy Berry, Julia Diggins, Selika Duckworth-Lawton, Doug Dunham, Chip Eckardt, Luke Fedie, Mitchell Freymiller, Derek Gingerich, Jeffrey Goodman, Marc Goulet, Staci Heidtke, Beth Hellwig, Kate Hinnant, Jerry Hoepner, Jay Holmen, Rose Jadack, Marquell Johnson, Ryan Jones, Pat Kleine, Fred Kolb, Bonnie Krahn, Cheryl Lapp, Jill Markgraf, Karl Markgraf, Pat Montanye, Abe Nahm, Bob Nowlan, Ann Papalia, Heather Pearson, Geoffrey Peterson, Jim Phillips, John Politz, Jean Pratt, Kristin Schaupp, James Schmidt, Sherrie Serros, David Soll, Keith Stearns, Johannes Strohschänk, Dan Strouthes, Ganga Vadhavkar, Kate Wilson

Members Absent:

Guests: Margaret Cassidy, Debbie Gough, Heather Kretz, Tessa Perchinsky

The regular meeting of University Senate was called to order by Chair Freymiller at 3:05 p.m. on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 in the Dakota Ballroom of Davies Center.

1) Approval of the October 28, 2014 University Senate minutes
   • Approved as distributed

2) Administrator Remarks – Chancellor Schmidt
   • Today was the annual handing out of the hats and scarves from the Alumni Association
   • Haymarket Landing
     • The Chancellor participated in the groundbreaking for the mixed use Confluence Center, referred to as Haymarket Landing
       • It was a packed house and it was good to see that kind of support
     • Haymarket Landing is a joint development with Market and Johnson and Commonweal Development (the restaurant and retail portion on the first floor)
     • Housing for about 375 students above the first floor will be owned by Blugold Real Estate, a subsidiary of the UW-Eau Claire Foundation
     • This facility will make UWEC more attractive to students
     • Its opening is scheduled for June of 2016, hopefully in time for renovation of both Towers North and Towers South
       • Waiting on the legislature to approve $33 million for this renovation
       • Will require us to vacate one tower for two years in a row, impacting 650 students
       • We hope for availability for 375 students to be provided by Haymarket Landing, which will help resolve some of this shortage
       • We are working with Housing and Student Affairs to find other partnerships to make sure that all students are taken care of
     • Building projects are a broader part of making sure that UWEC remains strong, vital, competitive, and attractive to our students
   • Budget
     • Budget conversations have created discomfort and fear
     • We are going through a difficult process, but will try to remain transparent
     • Encourage everyone to keep in contact with deans or directors or division heads
     • Chancellor will make sure communications continue; if you have questions, please ask your dean or director or division head or direct them to the Chancellor directly
• Enrollment Management Taskforce
  • There are a few editorial changes, but the heart of the report will remain the same
  • Chancellor is committed to preserving the quality and high standards that UWEC has had for decades
  • One of the recommendations in the report is that average ACT scores should rise to 25 over a 10 year period
  • Quality of the student body helps attract and retain the best faculty and staff

3) Reports
   a) Report from University Senate Chair Freymiller
      • Since our last meeting, Chancellor Schmidt has signed off on the following motions:
        • Change Faculty and Academic Staff Rules and Procedures Part III – Article Four: University Governance Committees and Councils
          • Those changes will go into effect in July 2015 with the publication of FASRP.
        • Close Beijing Normal University Exchange and open a new Study Abroad program at Southwest University for Nationalities in Chengdu in collaboration with USAC
        • Close Payap University Exchange and open a new Study Abroad program at Chaing Mai University in collaboration with USAC
        • Establish a Mathematics Teaching emphasis within the comprehensive Math major
        • Change the Undergraduate Catalog (page 9) and the Admissions Publication/website regarding the Foreign Language admission requirement
        • Change Operations/Materials Management emphasis to Operations and Supply Chain Management emphasis within the Management major
        • Update test and table in FASRP to include a “Notice of Intent” for new majors
        • Update the policy and text in the Undergraduate Catalog related to credit-bearing certificates
      • On November 4, the Chancellor’s Cabinet met for its monthly meeting
        • One agenda item was a recap of budget conversations that occurred over the past month
          • Cabinet discussed campus responses, questions, and the importance of open and honest communication across campus
        • Another agenda item was a report from Director of Admissions Kretz regarding current efforts to recruit students
          • She provided suggestions for how to engage individuals and departments and units to assist the Admissions Office in its outreach and recruitment efforts
   b) Report from Faculty Rep Peterson
      • Faculty representatives met on Friday, November 7th in Madison
      • First item was meeting with Regent President Falbo and Regent Vice President Millner
      • Significant amount of time talking about the state budget and the efforts by the Regents to try to get significantly more internal control over the system budget from the legislature
      • This included a fairly lengthy discussion regarding salaries and shared governance issues
      • Faculty representatives also discussed the role of administrator reviews on campus
      • It is clear that there is enormous variation across the campuses in how often these are done (if at all), who qualifies for review, and the nature of the review
   c) Report from Academic Staff Rep Wilson
      • Discussion with David J. Ward, interim senior vice president for academic and student affairs for UW System
      • It was stated that “9 over 12” contract option will happen, so employees who are contracted over 9 months will or can be paid over 12 months
      • It may be soliciting information on employees leaving and difficulty with hiring employees
      • Comment on the “9 over 12”: When this was brought up before it was stated that maybe you should be teaching summer school for free
        • Should be clarified that just because you are paid does not mean that you are contracted
      • Question on uniform deductions because April and May deductions are large because they take out summer premiums
        • This was not brought up
      • Is part of the argument, but do not know if it was considered as a separate issue
d) For the Record: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee
   Lyon, France Study Abroad
   Additional Documents: Lyon, France Proposal with Cost Estimates

   Debate
   • None

   Without objection, motion to enter FOR THE RECORD – Lyon, France Study Abroad, PASSED

e) For the Record: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee
   Pau, France Study Abroad
   Additional Documents: Pau, France Proposal with Cost Estimates

   Debate
   • None

   Without objection, motion to enter FOR THE RECORD – Pau, France Study Abroad, PASSED

f) For the Record: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee
   Establish a new exchange program with the Universidad de Valladolid in Valladolid, Spain
   Additional Documents: Valladolid, Spain Proposal with Cost Estimates

   Debate
   • None

   Without objection, motion to enter FOR THE RECORD – Valladolid, Spain Study Abroad, PASSED

g) Executive Committee Report
   • On November 4, Executive committee was consulted about the appointment of a Parliamentarian to provide advice to the Senate Chair regarding parliamentary procedures
   • Following Robert’s Rules of Order and a lengthy discussion about parliamentary procedures, Senator Peterson was appointed Parliamentarian
   • Other topics of discussion included catalog deadlines and the use of electronic nicotine delivery systems
   • “Based upon formal recommendation of The University Centers Advisory Committee, electronic nicotine delivery systems (“e-cigarettes” and other such items) are banned from use in all Centers’ facilities and shall be treated exactly like we treat tobacco cigarettes following University policy
   • Facilities include W.R. Davies Student Center, Hilltop, Crest Wellness, Schofield Auditorium, and Zorn Arena
4) New Business
   a) First Reading: Motion from the Physical Plant Planning Committee

   Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (Revised)
   - Classified Staff Council has approved this plan
   - Bike Locker(s) and Showers Proposal
     - Hope that this proposal would encourage people to consider biking or walking to campus
     - We are supposed to get 20 bike lockers under the library
       - Should be available in the near future
     - Providing shower facilities is more difficult, but would like to see that considered
       - Some employees use Zorn Arena on occasion
       - Are there any plans to work with Zorn Arena to make shower facilities available?
         - This still needs to be addressed
   - Question on the cost(s) for this plan
     - Specific costs for initiatives have not been identified
     - If it is new infrastructure, there are times that we can partner with others
       - This is more of a vision
   - Enforcement
     - University Police enforce state bicycle laws, but usually on a rolling basis during fall and spring semesters
       - They often get involved more when there is an unfortunate accident
     - Bicycle Committee is proposing close collaboration with Campus Police to do a few more of these roll outs, especially at the bottom of the hill and at certain intersections
       - Also want to get out more information about safety, helmets, etc.
     - Campus Police do other initiatives as well
   - Footbridge
     - Plan recommends that it remain open to pedestrian and bicycles
     - Crossing at end of footbridge is not optimal, but Garfield Avenue redesign will look at creative solutions to address that problem

Debate
- This is the first reading of this motion
- This is great work and a step forward in campus sustainability
- It may ease parking problems

MOTION to suspend the rules to vote on this today, seconded

VOTE on motion to suspend the rules to vote on this today: PASSED

Continued Debate
- None

Vote on Motion 51-PP-01: PASSED without dissent

b) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee

   Special Student Policy

   Additional Handout: Special Student Policy Catalog Text

Debate
- Concern about having policies changed because they are not used anymore
- Changes are occasionally due to changes in technology; technology should not drive changes, but sometimes we have to work with the technology that our system uses
  - This policy is not detrimental despite the fact that technology preceded it
- This policy is welcome and very practical
MOTION to suspend the rules to vote on this today, seconded

VOTE on motion to suspend the rules to vote on this today: PASSED

Vote on Motion 51-AP-07: PASSED without dissent

  c) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee
     Rename Mass Communication to Integrated Strategic Communication

     Debate
     • None

Without objection, we will vote on this today

Vote on Motion 51-AP-08: PASSED without dissent.

5) Announcements
   • Next meeting of the University Senate is November 25th, 2014
   • Everyone is invited to attend the Forum on Student Recruitment on Thursday, November 13th from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Woodland Theater of Davies Student Center
   • Everyone is invited to attend the Forum on Student Retention on Thursday, November 20th from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in room 1415 of Centennial Hall
   • Artist Series is presenting the Lakota Sioux Indian Dance Theatre tonight
     • Tickets are available at the Service Center

Without objection, meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Secretary to the University Senate