Members Present:

Members Absent:
Cindy Albert, Julie Aminpour, Lori Bica, Janice Bogstad, Jon Bollinger, Doug Dunham, Julie Eklund, Jeff Erger, Todd Glaser, Kate Hinnant, Bob Hooper, Ryan Jones, Fred Kolb, Karl Markgraf, Abe Nahm, Courtenay O’Neil, Manda Riehl, Dan Strouthes, Ganga Vadhavkar, Odawa White, Marty Wood, Tracy Yengo

Guests: Margaret Cassidy, Debra Jansen, Michael Weil, Mike Wick

The regular meeting of University Senate was called to order by Chair Freymiller at 3:03 p.m. on Tuesday, November 25, 2014 in the Dakota Ballroom of Davies Center.

1) Approval of the November 11, 2014 University Senate minutes
   • Approved as distributed

2) Administrator Remarks – Chancellor Schmidt
   • As we prepare for Thanksgiving break we should give thanks
   • Rhodes Scholar
     • Chancellor was notified by a professor at UW Madison that UWEC student - Tayo Sanders - was selected as a Rhodes Scholar, the 2nd Blugold to be selected in 10 years
     • Thanks to all faculty and staff who have been an integral part in helping this young scholar
     • This just shows that there is room for an institution like us
     • We have the privilege of working with many young brilliant students
     • Tayo Sanders explained why he would not have gotten this opportunity at any other university
     • 396 media outlets have released publications so far on the Rhodes
     • Celebrating our excellence presents us with difficult choices
     • As we make tough decisions, we need to look at how we can protect excellence
     • Each student that comes to UWEC has hopes and dreams, but we cannot forget that their family also has those same hopes and dreams
     • Tayo is a first generation college student and we need to make sure that even through these budget discussions we remain focused on our mission
     • Thankful for how we have tried to work through this
     • While some actions might be hurtful we need to be stronger
• Budget
  • Trying to protect the classroom environment as the core mission of the institution
  • VC Hellwig supported an additional 50% cut over and above the proportional cut
    • Thankful for an Executive Team that has shared sacrifice to protect our mission
  • We have done work on budget principles
    • They guide the institution regardless if times are good or difficult
      • Budget principles have been posted and would appreciate your feedback
    • Trying to figure out the best steps going forward
    • Hundreds of people have come to budget forums, student recruitment and student retention forums; appreciation for the authentic nature of those that have been present and the way that they have presented important and difficult issues
    • We will get through this, but with some difficulty
    • Reject the notion of asking people to do more with less because we already have the most dedicated faculty and staff of any institution
      • Because of this dedication, we celebrate another Rhodes Scholar
      • We still need to figure out different ways to work, but we will work together with focus and good spirit while still working toward our mission
    • In the end, I hope that we can celebrate the process that we use to become stronger as an institution
    • We determine our future by doing it together
  • Look forward to the celebration in Zorn Arena at graduation
• Questions
  • When will specific units or departments know the impacts of the budget changes?
    • Academic departments have moved faster
    • Chancellor’s division is about two-thirds of the way through
    • Process will happen over a period of several months and people will be notified
    • If you have a question about a particular area, talk to the director, department chair, or dean to determine where they are in the process
    • This is a distracting us from our important work and the sooner this can be resolved the sooner we can get our focus back on our students

3) Reports
  a) Report from University Senate Chair Freymiller
    • Since our last meeting, Chancellor Schmidt has signed off on the following motions:
      • Accept the Social and Environmental Justice experience to Guatemala for incremental Foreign Culture credit
      • Establish a new study-abroad program in Lyon, France in collaboration with the University Studies Abroad Consortium
      • Establish new summer study-abroad program in Pau, France in collaboration with University Studies Abroad Consortium
      • Establish a new exchange program with Universidad de Valladolid in Valladolid, Spain
      • Approve the Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan
      • Rename Mass Communication within Department of Communication and Journalism to Integrated Strategic Communication for the major, the minor, the public relations emphasis, and the advertising emphasis
      • Update the Undergraduate Catalog with modifications to the Special Student policy
    • Student Recruitment and Retention
      • On November 13, Director of Admissions Kretz and Director for Creative Services Marketing Dienger spoke at a Forum on Student Recruitment
        • Information and suggestions were offered for engaging individuals and departments and units to assist the Admissions Office in its outreach and recruitment efforts
      • On November 20, Chancellor Schmidt hosted a Forum on Student Retention
        • Associate Vice Chancellor Debbie Gough presented data about retention rates for various student populations at UWEC
        • This was followed by a panel discussion with comments from Carmen Manning, Jodi Thesing-Ritter and Marc Goulet
        • Thanks to all who attended and feedback is welcome
Parliamentary Procedures
- There seems to be some misunderstanding about Parliamentary procedure regarding new motions brought before the Senate
- It is our policy to have two readings of a motion before taking a vote on that motion
  - This is designed to allow senators to report back to their constituents about the initial discussion of the motion in case further discussion of the motion is warranted
- In the event that a motion under consideration generates little discussion among senators, the Chair has the authority to state "Without objection, we will vote on this motion today" and any senator may object if s/he believes that such a vote would be premature
  - His/her objection is to taking a vote on the motion, not on the merits of the motion
  - If no senator objects to the Chair’s suggestion, an immediate vote is taken
- In the event that a motion generates questions and/or significant discussion that might warrant a second reading, the Chair will declare “According to our Rules, a vote on this motion will occur following the second reading of this motion at our next Senate meeting”
  - Any senator may make a motion to suspend the rules to vote on the motion without a second reading
  - The motion to suspend the rules requires a second, cannot be debated, and requires 2/3 of the body to pass
    - If the motion passes, an immediate vote is taken
  - Both of these Parliamentary procedures accomplish the same result, but the latter requires an additional motion and 2/3 support to vote on the motion on the floor

b) Budget Committee Report
- Have to get information into Redbook by March 13th so budgets should be finalized before that
- We need to submit our budget to System by April 1st

4) New Business
a) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee
   Required Advising for Readmitted Students

   Debate
   - Students may not be physically in the area to see an advisor face to face but they can communicate through phone, skype or email
   - There are those that are communicating the PAC code through email but it is really nice to have this in place as you can facilitate a connection to the university

   Without objection, we will vote on this today

   Vote on Motion 51-AP-09: PASSED without dissent

b) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee
   Establish a Digital Media Emphasis

   Debate
   - Is a Bachelor of Fine Arts

   Without objection, we will vote on this today

   Vote on Motion 51-AP-10: PASSED without dissent
c) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee

Establish a New Prefix DS for Data Science Courses
  • Each of the institutions offer two courses

Debate
  • None

Without objection, we will vote on this today

Vote on Motion 51-AP-11: PASSED without dissent.

5) Announcements
  • Next meeting of the University Senate is December 9, 2014

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

Submitted by,

Tanya Kenney
Secretary to the University Senate