Members Present:

Members Absent:
  Cindy Albert, Jason Anderson, Tammy Bednar, Lori Bica, Janice Bogstad, Jon Bollinger, Chip Eckardt, Debbie Ernie, Todd Glaser, Jeffrey Goodman, Martin Hanifin, Kate Hinnant, Cheryl Lapp, Karl Markgraf, Heather Pearson, Manda Riehl, Lois Slattery, Odawa White, Tracy Yengo

Guests:
  Margaret Cassidy, Bernard Duyfhuizen, Jennifer Fager, Karen Havholm, Mary Hoffman, Debra Jansen, Tami Langfeldt-Adams, Jill Prushiek, Dan Schumacher, Alex Smith

The regular meeting of University Senate was called to order by Chair Freymiller at 3:05 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 in the Dakota Ballroom of Davies Center.

1) Approval of the March 10, 2015 University Senate minutes
   • Approved as distributed

2) Administrator Remarks – Chancellor Schmidt
   • Hope everyone had a good Spring Break
   • Hope to hold “coffee with the Chancellor” at every academic building yet this year, which will give you a chance to ask questions
   • Rapid Action Task Force reports will soon be shared with the entire campus community
   • Budget
     • Joint Finance Committees have had hearings and Chancellor has met with legislators about the budget and the Confluence project
   • Towers Residence Hall
     • Governor approved funding for the $33 million renovation to Towers Residence Hall, but Building Commission and legislators still have to provide input
   • UW System President Cross will be visiting campus on Wednesday, April 1
     • Campus forum with President Ray Cross will be held from 1:00 to 2:00 pm, in Centennial Hall Room 1614
   • Voluntary Separation Incentive
     • Still have a week to submit requests for the Voluntary Separation
   • Questions and Comments
     • Task Force Reports are very candid and include good thinking
     • Preservation of Tenure and Shared Governance
       • BOR policy would replicate the exact language in Chapter 36; BOR is forming taskforces on shared governance and tenure, which will be getting together by the end of April
3) Reports
   a) Report from University Senate Chair Freymiller
      • Rapid Action Task Forces submitted their reports prior to Spring Break
      • Information from those reports will eventually be shared with the entire campus and then
        brought to the shared governance groups
      • UW System President Cross will be on campus on April 1 to speak with the Task Forces in
        the morning and with the UWEC campus community in the afternoon
   b) Executive Committee Report
      • On March 17, Executive Committee had discussions with Chancellor Schmidt about the UW
        System public authority proposal and his Early Separation Incentive
      • Committee approved motions to amend the Senate Bylaws regarding committee organization

4) New Business
   Handouts: EBD and CD Proposal Rationale
   a) Establish an Emotional Behavioral Disabilities (EBD) Certificate
      Debate
      • This is an add-on certificate, which is different than certification
      • This is nothing new, but is mainly for transcript purposes to make students more marketable

Without objection, this will be a “For the Record” item

No objection to establishing this certificate

For the Record 51-AP-FTR-06: PASSED

b) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee
   Establish a Cognitive Disability (CD) Certificate
   • No debate

Without objection, this will be a For the Record item

No objections to establishing this certificate

For the Record 51-AP-FTR-07: PASSED

c) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee
   Establish a new comprehensive major in Materials Science and Engineering
   Handout: Materials Science Proposal Rationale
   Debate
   • In order for this proposal to make the agenda for the June meeting of the BOR, it must be
     approved by April 13\textsuperscript{th}

Without objection we will vote on this today

Vote on Motion 51-AP-15: PASSED
d) First Reading: Motion from the University Senate Executive Committee

   Amending the Bylaws Classified Staff

   No debate

   Without objection we will vote on this today

   Vote on Motion 51-SE-03: PASSED


e) First Reading: Motion from the University Senate Executive Committee

   Classified Staff Voting Rights on Committees

   No debate

   Without objection we will vote on this today

   Vote on Motion 51-SE-04: PASSED

f) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee

   Remove GE Subcategories

   Handout: Proposed Changes to the GE Subcategory Requirements
   - Concern over how this would affect breadth
   - Proposal makes it more efficient and flexible for students

   Debate
   - This was a minimum breadth requirement; hope that students take more than 2 subcategories
   - We need to empower the students to explore and make their own decisions
   - We are too prescriptive on what we require students to take
   - Does not accurately represent our mission and our values
   - Seems like we are preparing for something that hasn’t happened yet
   - It holds our students harmless and it preserves our quality of education
   - It might allow students to explore disciplines that they might otherwise not have explored

   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-16: PASSED


g) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Staff Personnel Committee

   Academic Staff Promotion
   - Editorial changes to the motion were made

   No debate

   Without objection we will vote on this today

   Vote on Motion 51-AS-01: PASSED
5) Announcements

- The next meeting of the University Senate is April 14th, 2015
- The University Faculty and University Academic Staff Spring Meeting is scheduled for April 14th at noon in the Council Oak Room of Davies Center

Without objection, meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Secretary to the University Senate