Members Present:

Members Absent:
Cindy Albert, Julie Aminpour, Jason Anderson, Jana Armstrong, Cynthia Chapek, Lisa Coen, Jenny Dahl, Chip Eckardt, Jeff Erger, Todd Glaser, Ryan Jones, Pat Kleine, Marie Koissi, Colleen Marchwick, Sean McAleer, April Pierson, Manda Riehl, Audrey Robinson, Kristin Schaupp, Odawa White

Guests:
MJ Brukardt, Margaret Cassidy, Kristin Hendrickson, Marc Mc Ellistrom, Ann Rupnow, Jake Wrasse

The regular meeting of University Senate was called to order by Chair Freymiller at 3:05 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 in the Dakota Ballroom of Davies Center.

1) Approval of the October 13, 2015 University Senate minutes
   - Approved as distributed

2) Administrator Remarks – Chancellor Schmidt
   - Held 3 listening sessions on campus and was pleased with the strong turnout
   - Chancellor Schmidt participated in tenure taskforce last week
     - Taskforce has focused on looking at other models and has been consulting AAUP to meet their recommendations
     - Should have draft proposals before the April
     - November 8th is International Folk Fair
     - Chancellor Schmidt cannot attend because he has accepted an invitation to visit Japan during that week
   - Budget Reductions
     - Implementation teams are working to implement the seven initiatives that will help us reduce costs and improve services on campus
     - We have lost the equivalent of 179 full-time staff
     - We need to maintain our enrollment to get out of our fiscal hole
     - Not having reserve money is bad management and causes accreditation issues; we need to rebuild that reserve and it requires us to maintain our enrollment
     - Admissions is looking to add about 100 first-year students next year
     - Retention is also critical; we are working on a better “warning” system
       - Talk to students to make sure they register for Spring; contact advisees and inquire if they have registered; provide academic support
       - Encourage them to seek help when needed and provide social
3) Reports

a) For the Record: Motion from APC

Eliminate the BSAD Essentials Certificate

Debate
- None

Without objection, MOTION to Eliminate BSAD Essentials Certificate FOR THE RECORD, PASSED

b) For the Record: Motions from APC

Eliminate the HASA Certificate

Debate
- None

Without objection, MOTION to Eliminate the HASA Certificate FOR THE RECORD, PASSED

c) Report from University Senate Chair Freymiller

- Since the last Senate meeting, Chancellor Schmidt has approved the following motions:
  - Establish a certificate in Race, Gender, and Society within the History Department
  - Establish a certificate in Global and Comparative History within the History Department
  - Establish a certificate in World History and Society: Past, Present, and Future and offer it on-line by the History Department
  - Establish a summer Field School Program at Pontifica Universidad Catolica del Peru
  - Establish a semester and/or year-long exchange and study abroad program at Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru
  - Establish a study abroad/exchange program at Universidad Popular Autonoma del Estado de Puebla
  - Support and approve the University’s efforts to enter into a relationship with the Peace Corps Prep program and include it in the Special Academic Programs section of the Undergraduate Catalog
  - Add Music and Dance courses to the list of courses that can be used to satisfy the physical activity requirement; exempt these courses from the rule that only one physical activity credit can count toward the minimum 120-credit graduation requirement; implement this policy immediately and retroactively for seven catalog years
  - Establish a LANG prefix in the Department of Languages and include this prefix in General Education categories IA and IVD
  - Amend FASRP Part III; Article Five; Section B-Faculty Personnel Policies and Procedures; 2; 4) Probationary Appointments; b) on page 52 regarding delays of tenure evaluation
  - On October 14, UW System President Ray Cross and members of the Board of Regents were on campus for strategic planning listening sessions, including a special session for UW-Eau Claire faculty, staff, and students. Participants were asked to respond to two questions:
    - What are the major issues (pro and con) facing the State of Wisconsin currently?
    - What role should the UW play to help Wisconsin address its most critical challenges and opportunities?
    - Discussions occurred and answers were given to the facilitator who planned to share the feedback with the Board of Regents

d) Executive Committee Report

- On October 20, Executive Committee met and discussed a resolution for implementing the approved Liberal Education framework
  - Committee voted to postpone the resolution indefinitely
  - Committee received a request to add the Concealed Carry resolution to today’s agenda
e)  Academic Policies Committee
   • APC has engaged in two discussions regarding LE implementation and is seeking shared governance from entire university so they need input from the entire campus

f)  Chair recognizes a representative from the EDI implementation team and yields the floor to her to provide a report on the membership, charge, and work plan of the EDI implementation team
   • Implementation Overview PowerPoint
   • Students of color are one focus of this effort
   • UWEC needs faculty of color to retain students of color; this is the first apparent effort to retain faculty of color

4)  New Business
   a)  First Reading: Motion from the Academic Polices Committee
      MSE prefix within the Materials Science Program
      Additional Handouts: Request for MSE Prefix
      No Debate
      Without objection, we will vote on this today
      Vote on Motion 52-AP-03: PASSED

   b)  First Reading: Resolution from Senator Olson
      Concealed Carry Resolution
      • Changes to the Resolution include:
        • A new paragraph inserted directly beneath the first paragraph
          • WHEREAS, the University Senate of our University community respects the legal second amendment rights of citizens across the country appropriately interpreted and governed using good sense and sound judgement by the legislators representing the State of Wisconsin taking into full consideration information provided by their key stakeholders, and
          • WHEREAS, allowing concealed carry permit holders to bring firearms on university grounds, buildings, or into classrooms threatens the progress of education and the climate of freely expressing ideas and makes the university less safe, and
          • WHEREAS, law enforcement professionals, including our own University police, believe and are on record that prohibiting firearms on college campuses, except by campus police and trained security officers, is an essential element of enhancing safety, those schools’ safety plans, and

      MOVED and seconded that the University Senate endorse the resolution on concealed carry in campus buildings
      No Debate
      Without objection, we will vote on this today
      Vote on Resolution 52-MISC-01: PASSED

5)  Announcements
   • Next meeting of University Senate is November 10th in the Dakota Ballroom of the Davies Center

Without objection, meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Submitted by,
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Secretary to the University Senate