Members Present:


Members Absent:

Angelo Armendariz, Gene Decker (excused), Susan Felber, Obika Gray, Sandra Kottke, Judy Lund, Maureen Mack, Owen Marshall (excused), John Melrose (excused), Connie Russell (excused), Sheila Smith, Richard St. Germaine, Roger Thiede, Karen Witt (excused)

Guests:

Julian Emerson, Charles Bauer, Rick Richmond, Carol Accola-Koich, David Hart, Kevin Gatzlaff, Spectator Staff Member

The regular meeting of the University Senate was called to order at 3:06 p.m., Tuesday, October 14, 1997, in the Tamarack Room of Davies Center.

I. The minutes of the September 9, 1997 meeting were approved as distributed.

II. Remarks by Chancellor Schnack:

- Homecoming plan seems to work, was a wonderful event for students
- Need to continue to work on student alcohol abuse outside planned activities
- We were backed into site for new residence hall next to Oak Ridge Hall, very adequate site
- Administrative review procedures reviewed, Provost/Vice Chancellor not to be reviewed this year because will be in acting Chancellor position
- Parking, in particular expanding Hibbard lot, will be revisited in spring 1998
- Bus ridership on two campus routes increasing weekly, lot vacancy counts will continue
- Budget, signed last week, provides 4%/4.5% pay raise, tuition flexibility

Responses to Questions from the Floor

- Mr. Bauer’s responsibility to revisit parking, also Physical Plant Planning Committee can initiate review
- Busing data is number of boardings on two new lines only
- No insight as to reference to new kind of classification for unclassified staff other than possibly LaFollette study vetoed in budget

III. Report of the University Senate Chair and Faculty Representative - Susan Harrison:

- Simple web site for agendas and minutes now accessible: www.uwec.edu/Admin/Usenate/
- Committee membership, and how arrived on committee, in handout
- Introduction of Tim Ho as replacement Senator for Owen Marshall for fall semester
List of 18 University Faculty and 5 Academic Staff forwarded to Katharine Lyall for Chancellor Search & Screen Committee in handouts
Two noteworthy vetoes in signed budget - eliminate sunset clause for tuition flexibility and changing advising initiative
Overview of legislative matters included in Chair’s Report
UW-System’s position on Retirement Bill AB331 provided in your packet
Announcement of WCWC Grievance Workshop at UW-River Falls Thursday, Oct. 16
Copy of UW-System Information Technology Plan available in Senate Office, overview included on green handout
Center for Learning Innovation to be established by UW-System

Responses to Questions from the Floor:
List of topics expressed at the open forum of University Senate Executive Committee will in the future be summarized in the Chair’s Report.
The Center for Learning Innovation will be located in the Madison area with ready access by phone to other campuses.
Details and guidelines for the Center for Learning Innovation are currently being discussed at various Board of Regents Committees; concerns should be raised with David Ward at System, further discussion at future University Senate meetings is possible.
Some of the budget for the Center for Learning Innovation is for training of personnel on various campuses.

IV. Report of the Academic Policies Committee - APC Chair Lozar
- Request originating in the School of Education through the College of Professional Studies that Department of Foundations and Library Science be renamed Department of Foundations of Education
- All students in teacher training will have a core curriculum and the newly named department would be the home for that curriculum.

Moved and seconded by committee that the name of the Department of Foundations and Library Science be changed to the Department of Foundations of Education. The motion passed unanimously without debate.

- Second motion on marine science minor withdrawn because a step in the approval process was missed prior to being referred to the Academic Policies Committee.

V. Report of Assistant Chancellor for Information and Technology Management - David Hart
- Highlights of problems and successes in yellow handout
- Responsible to campus for degree to which total campus information technology resources are meeting needs and requirements of faculty and staff
- Opening of fall semester was a very significant learning curve for ITM Department
- Major problems seen:
  - unacceptable response time at the Help Desk on some calls
  - absence of software for faculty in computing labs or electronic classrooms
  - new desktop computing systems not to faculty offices quickly enough
  - journals and periodicals issue
- Level of problems impacting teaching and learning is unacceptable
- ITM organization is responding effectively on virtually every front
- Significant steps forward:
  - ATM network between Schofield and Phillips Hall - Hypatia project
  - initiative in curriculum software support
  - two new state-of-the-art computing laboratories for students with Windows NT
  - new student global server pilot project funded by the Student Technology Commission
- Staffing level of ITM organization the most serious problem faced

Responses to Questions from the Floor:
- ITM is willing to meet departments halfway in paying for curricular-specific software
- Hypatia is 3-D color graphics project currently in College of Arts & Sciences, the next step in interactive computing application
Sometimes software in labs is newer version than software on faculty computers teaching that course, ITM will continue to move forward while respecting faculty wishes.

- Dollars are not taken out of library budget to finance other technology needs or innovations.
- Media Development Center considered a high priority, intend to improve and add services.
- Heat problem in new lab, Schneider 210, is being looked at carefully.
- ITM has really good inventory and knows exactly what campus has in relation to computers.
- Past funding of lab modernization is readily available for use with planning future expenditures.
- Looking at new model for Help Desk whereby an individual would be responsible for a building - ITM happy to work with outside consultants when available personnel not familiar with software.
- Administrative lockouts on desktop systems are a concern and will be looked at.
- Written documentation will be worked on by the Help Desk.

VI. New Business

University Senate response to Vice Chancellor/Provost request for review of Image of UWEC completed by committees and will be forwarded to Director of the News Bureau and Office of Admissions as shown in blue handout. Additional comments may be directed to those offices.

VII. Announcements

Senate Committees:

- Executive Committee - next meeting 10/21/97 at 3:00 p.m. in Schofield 202
  workshop presented by Tom Miller on use of Closed Sessions and Open Meeting laws role and membership make-up of the committee
- Academic Policies Committee - next meeting 10/21/97 at 2:00 p.m. in Schofield 202
  comments on proposal from System about general education and diversity credits recommendation from Student Senate about dropping classes without signatures through second week of classes
- Academic Staff Personnel Committee - next meeting 10/23/97
- Budget Committee - next meeting 11/14/97
- Compensation Committee - next meeting 10/31/97 at 3:00 p.m. in OL1122
  1998-99 pay plan proposal to be brought before Senate in November
- Faculty Personnel Committee - no meeting scheduled
- Physical Plant Planning Committee - no meeting scheduled
- Student Life Committee - meeting in process of being scheduled privacy on the internet of student information textbook shortages in rental department of computer manuals picked up by students not enrolled in class for which textbook ordered
- Instructional Technology Committee - next meeting 10/17/97 at 1:30 p.m.
  Center for Learning Innovation document received today Image questions
  Assistant Vice Chancellor Hart’s comments

General:

October 28th University Senate meeting will be canceled to provide more time for committees to work. The next University Senate meeting will be November 11th.

Chair Harrison adjourned the meeting at 4:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

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University Senate Secretary