UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING
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Members Present:


Members Absent:

Thomas Bergmann, J. Kenneth Davidson, Sr. (excused), Gene Decker (excused), R. Dale Dick, Brady Foust, Joseph Giordano, Katherine Lang, Timothy Leutwiler, Owen Marshall (excused), Richard Palm, Robert Scott, Nancy Shoemaker (excused), Sylvia Sipress

Guests:

Kevin Gatzlaff, Kathy Mitchell, Ron Satz, Jim Vance, Spectator Staff Member

The regular meeting of the University Senate was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:05 p.m., Tuesday, November 11, 1997, in the Tamarack Room of Davies Center.

I. The minutes of the October 14, 1997 meeting were approved as distributed.

II. Remarks by Chancellor Schnack:

- UW-Eau Claire recognized for being a safe campus
- “Good problem” of being unable to admit all applicants to School of Education, limited by placements for internships, resources, and supply and demand
- Target for enrollment of new freshmen for 1998-99 is 2,150, FTE of 9,295, head count of 10,500
- 1999-2000 calendar being reviewed; to be taken to the Executive Committee in near future
- Options for 1998-99 budget will be taken to Budget Committee on Friday

Remarks by Vice Chancellor/Provost Smelstor:

- Serious challenges, serious problems, and serious issues facing Instructions Technology Management
- To address those complex problems Bill Smethells has been appointed special assistant to Assistant Chancellor for Information Technology; half-time interim appointment
- Smethells responsibilities include Computing and Networking Services, Risk Management and Hazardous Waste, and personnel within ITM

Responses to Questions from the Floor:

- Neither Chancellor’s Office nor Provost’s Office made changes to extra merit recommendations forwarded by Deans, discrepancies should be pursued at the Deans’ Offices

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

- Announcement of names of appointees to Chancellor Search & Screen Committee
- Please initial roll call sheet upon arrival, handouts will be mailed to those not in attendance
- Full transcript of meetings and Chair’s Report available at: www.uwec.edu/Admin/Usenate
- Additional responses for updated 5-Year Plan must be received in Senate Office by January 1st
UW-Administration looking at 1999-2001 budget, compensation number one priority and no more base cuts, check web site for details
Competency-Based Admission approved by Regents as supplement to traditional admission process
Senate will be kept informed of policy and procedures concerning discriminatory conduct cases now being worked on by UW-Madison faculty subcommittee
ITM working on policies and procedures for selection of 40 modules for training on computer and software applications
Open Forum issues of School of Education applications and freshman experience

IV. Report of the Academic Policies Committee - APC Chair Lozar
- Request originating in the Student Senate for modification of the withdrawal policy
- Proposed revision of the course withdrawal policy and of the change of registration statement to permit students to withdraw from courses without their instructors’ or advisers’ signatures during the first two weeks of classes

Motion 34-AP-3: Moved and seconded by committee **that the college catalogue be revised as follows:**
- page 33, 1997-98 Catalogue, under WITHDRAWALS
  - Withdrawing from a Course. In order to withdraw from any course for which they are registered. **Students who wish to withdraw during the first two weeks of classes from any course for which they are registered may do so without the instructor’s or adviser’s signature. After the second week of classes,** students must obtain a Change of Registration form from the Registrar’s Office, secure the signature of their faculty adviser and the instructor for the course, and return the form to Registration Services.

- page 30, 1997-98 Catalogue, Under REGISTRATION
  - Change of Registration. **After registration, courses may be added or dropped or sections changed under the regulations established for this purpose and published in the Class Schedule. In order to make any change in registration after the first week of classes, including withdrawing from a course, the student must obtain a Change of Registration form from the Registrar’s Office and return the completed form to that office.**

  - Adding courses. **Students who wish to add courses during the first week of classes may do so using the BLUGOLD Direct Access system. After the first week of classes, students must obtain the Change of Registration form from the Registrar’s Office and return the completed form to that office.**

  - Withdrawing from courses. **A student who wishes to withdraw from courses during the first two weeks of classes (no record of enrollment) may do so without the instructor’s or adviser’s signature. After the second week of classes, students must obtain the Change of Registration form from the Registrar’s Office and return the completed form to that office.**

Discussion 34-AP-3:
- Two week withdrawal period applies only to full semester courses
- Not changing the period during which courses can be dropped with no record of enrollment

Vote 34-AP-3: Voice vote taken. The chair announced the motion passed.

V. Report of Vice Chancellor/Provost on Differential Tuition – Marjorie Smelstor
- This is “good”, good news
- Million dollars available to implement curriculum; a credit to our students
- Evaluations from this semester’s efforts will be used to plan for next year’s distribution
- One area tentatively looking at is freshmen seminars and experiences
Responses to Questions from the Floor:
- Distribution is done in consultation with the students after review of expenditures
VI. New Business -- None

VII. Announcements

Senate Committees:

- Executive Committee - next meeting 11/18/97 at 3:00 p.m. in Schofield 202
  Structure of the Senate
  1999-2000 calendar

- Academic Policies Committee - next meeting 11/18/97 at 2:00 p.m. in Schofield 202
  Number of infusion and enhancement requirements for GE courses
  Prerequisite structure of courses

- Academic Staff Personnel Committee - next meeting 11/20/97
  Revisions, recommendations for policy of staff review
  Academic Staff Personnel Committee structure

- Budget Committee - next meeting 11/14/97
  Review of tentative allocation for fiscal 1999
  Structure of Budget and Compensation Committees

- Compensation Committee - next meeting 11/14/97 at 3:00 p.m. in OL1122
  1998-99 pay plan proposal to be brought before Senate in November
  Extension salary policy and summer session salary policy

- Faculty Personnel Committee - first week in December
  Pending legislation

- Physical Plant Planning Committee - no meeting scheduled

- Student Life Committee - meeting in process of being scheduled
  Function of the committee
  Possible disbanding of the committee

- Instructional Technology Committee - next meeting 11/14/97
  Service at the Help Desk
  Solutions within ITM

General:

- **November 25th University Senate meeting will be canceled.** The next University Senate meeting will be December 9th.

- Wisconsin Senate Bill 31 out of Ways and Means Committee, if interested, contact your legislator

- Retirement factor in retirement bill is apparently in jeopardy, if interested, contact your legislator

- Praise for Senate Chair for open communication and informative reports from committees

Chair Harrison adjourned the meeting at 3:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

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