Members Present:


Members Absent:

David Backstrom (excused), Victor Cvancara, Gene Decker (excused), Bernard Duyfhuizen, Obika Gray, Robert Knight, Fred Kolb, Sandra Kottke, Stephen Kurth, Barbara MacBriar (excused), Owen Marshall (excused), John Melrose (excused), Richard Palm, Donna Raleigh, Robert Scott, Steve Tallant, Melissa Vogler, Fred Waedt (excused), Ronald Warloski

Guests:

V. Thomas Dock, Jean Dowdall, David Hart, Carl Haywood, David Lund, Thomas Miller, Jan Morse, Jim Oberly, Ron Satz, Barbara Stevens, Spectator Staff Member

The regular meeting of the University Senate was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:05 p.m., Tuesday, December 9, 1997 in the Tamarack Room of Davies Center.

I. The minutes of the November 11, 1997 meeting were approved as distributed.

II. Remarks by Chancellor Schnack:

- General purpose revenue for 1997-98 up 3%, now 36% of total budget, compared to 37% last year and 46% in 1985
- Academic fees up 14% over last year, now constitute 21% of budget compared to 19% in 1985, partially due to differential tuition
- Operational receipts expected to go down a bit; gifts and grants up about 5%
- Of 4% pay plan increase, 68% or $696,000 distributed on basis of merit performance, $177,000 to extra merit, $89,500 for outstanding teaching, $55,000 for equity, $12,000 for people absent from campus to keep them in line for when they return, and $56,500 for promotions
- Comments about last regents meeting
  - Ten-year goals of diversity coming to an end, regents working on continuing the design for diversity
  - Annual accountability reports to be received shortly by chairs and directors
  - Planning begun on 1999-2001 biennial budget
  - Phillips Hall project again endorsed for top of funding list for 1999-2001 capital budget
  - Classroom renovation project money to be used to remodel and upgrade eight classrooms across campus
  - Education Committee reports on program activities
    - Initiation of PhD program available at Stout offered by Indiana State University
    - Template masters degree to be proposed at UW-Madison for very specific area of study to allow naming and implementing in short period of time
• UW-Oshkosh developed partnership with Kimberly Clark to meet company-specific needs
• My last Senate meeting, enjoyed working with this body
• Response to questions
  • Assume all campuses meet the regents’ one-third, one-third, one-third pay plan mandate
  • Each department develops criteria for extra merit
  • Required to use student input in making outstanding teaching award recommendations
  • Data on decreasing faculty time before students need to be gathered, then must assist with determination of what it means and doesn’t mean

III. Report of the University Senate Chair and Faculty Representative - Susan Harrison:
• Overview of Senate Executive Committee open forum items provided in Chair’s Report
• Substitutes for Senators at University Senate meeting must be elected for at least one semester to retain voting rights
• Tuition bills to students must now contain statement identifying GPR and GPR per student
• Draft report about Instructional Academic Staff will be sent to each campus for review in early spring
• UWEC four-year contracts to come before Senate in early spring
• Regents have not yet backed any Optional Retirement System at this time, details in Chair’s Report
• Board of Regents Resolution regarding Chancellor Larry Schnack read in its entirety
• University Senate unanimously bestowed on Chancellor Larry Schnack the commendation Thanks of the University Senate

IV. Report of the Nominating Committee - Senator Blackstone
• Nominations for West Central Wisconsin faculty representative and alternate
  Bernard Duyfhuizen - English
  Erik Hendrickson - Physics and Astronomy
  Karen Kremer - Communication and Journalism
• Election results: Bernard Duyfhuizen is representative, Erik Hendrickson is alternate

V. Special Report: Chancellor Search and Screen Update - Jim Oberly, Chair
• Charge given to committee by President Lyall and Regent Boyle to find five finalists, any one of whom we would welcome as the next chancellor of UWEC, and forward those names to Madison
• First decision was to hire executive search firm - A.T. Kearney
• Introduction of Jean Dowdall of A.T. Kearney
• Last week working on operating procedures
• This week go public to get input on job description
• Next week finalize job description and get ads out to local, state, and national periodicals
• Invite you to nominate outstanding people for the position
• Committee will work in complete confidentiality once discussing personnel issues
• Plan is for regents to make appointment at May meeting
• Keep up with committee on web site available on top of UWEC home page

VI. Consideration of 1999-2000 University calendar - Jan Morse
• Policies under which calendars developed
  • At least 170 days of faculty/student interaction
  • 39 weeks of contractual period for faculty
  • Classes cannot begin before September 2nd
• Two options, difference is Option 1 has two less days of registration and advising and two more days on classes in the fall semester
Motion 34-US-1 - moved and seconded that Option 1 be approved with a change of the first final exam day to a reading day and extending finals through December 23rd
Discussion:
• Possibility of Sunday commencement to free Saturday for exams
• Input from students would be nice
Revolt from students if finals extend to December 23rd, pressure to change exam times

Vote: Motion 34-US-1 - Motion defeated.

Motion 34-US-2 moved and seconded that Option 1 of the 1999-2000 calendar be adopted

Amendment 34-US-2-a1 - moved and seconded to change Option 1 for classes to end on December 14th, allowing the 15th of December to be a study day

Discussion:
- Arrangements should be made to keep labs open
- Ultimately eliminating one of the two gained class periods

Vote: Amendment 34-US-2-a1 - Amendment passed (23 for, 15 against)

Continued discussion:
- Inconvenient for students to have two days of classes then long weekend
- When automatically excuse students from classes, makes no sense to begin earlier
- Some students may enjoy slow start
- All but 500 students checked into residence halls by Labor Day weekend
- Class period crucial in fall semester, important to include first two days

Vote: Motion 34-US-2 - Motion passed (28 for, 9 against)

VII. Report of the Academic Policies Committee - APC Chair Lozar

- Proposing establishment of three new minors
  - Pre-professional health science and marine science formalization of frequently used topical minors
  - Computational science new proposal from the sciences to present new area of study

Motion 34-AP-4: Moved and seconded by committee that authorization be granted to implement a new interdisciplinary minor in pre-professional health science

Discussion: None

Vote 34-AP-4: Motion passed unanimously

Motion 34-AP-5: Moved and seconded by committee that authorization be granted to implement a new interdisciplinary minor in marine science

Discussion:
- No additional resources required

Vote 34-AP-5: Motion passed unanimously

Motion 34-AP-6: Moved and seconded by committee that authorization be granted to implement a new minor in computational science

Discussion:
- Impressed by cooperative effort in initiation of this minor
- 25% release time for coordinator for fund raising to support the minor in addition to coordination of mandatory internships
- Logistics of scheduling and technical matters to be looked at by Arts & Sciences Curriculum Committee

Vote 34-AP-6: Motion passed unanimously

Motion 34-AP-7: Moved and seconded by committee that courses in general education categories III and IV infuse two of the six competencies/awarenesses

Discussion: None

Vote 34-AP-7: Motion passed unanimously

VIII. New Business -- None

IX. Announcements

Senate Committees:
- Executive Committee - next meeting 12/16/97 at 3:00 p.m. in Schofield 202
- Structure of the Senate
- Academic Policies Committee - next meeting 1/27/97
  - Prerequisite structure of courses
  - Caps instituted all four years, not just freshman and sophomore
- Academic Staff Personnel Committee - next meeting 1/27/97
Whether to return to Senate with changes made by system legal to previous actions

- **Budget Committee**
  - Planning reserve to total 1.4%
  - Wording changes to function and membership of committee
  - Voted to continue two separate committees for budget and compensation

- **Compensation Committee** - next meeting 12/12/97 at 3:00 p.m. in OL1122
  - 1998-99 pay plan proposal to be brought before Senate early next semester
  - Draft of pay plan available on Compensation Committee web site

- **Faculty Personnel Committee**
  - Issue to bring forth to Senate early next semester

- **Physical Plant Planning Committee**
  - no meeting scheduled

- **Student Life Committee**
  - Disbanding of the committee to be recommended

- **Instructional Technology Committee** - meeting next semester
  - Study of strategic plan for technology
  - Recent reorganization of ITM on campus

Chair Harrison adjourned the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

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