REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Senate Executive

Brief History of Issue - why the issue is being considered:
- Desire to simplify and update the mission statement

Points Discussed by Committee:
- The word collaborative should be included
- Collaborative doesn’t capture scholarly work and may be a put off to some parts of our campus
- In previous discussions it is part of equity, diversity and inclusiveness so it was decided to leave the phrase “to work toward a more equitable world” in
- Because we are a public institution of higher education the entire prospect of moving higher education out of the elite classes and offering it to the entire citizen group is democratizing liberal education and preparing people for the possibility of working toward a more equitable world
- Has a religious taint to it
- We can have equity, diversity, and inclusiveness as core institutional values without that being the goal for which we are preparing our students to work toward
- Using public instead of common good was a deliberate change
- The bullets are an explanation and expansion of the box and tells how we will achieve our goal
- Is not a reordering of our priorities
- There are no individual programs that are listed
- Senators will be reminded that they can choose to support this document, choose to not support it, or choose to send it back to the taskforce with comments

Pros of Recommendation:
- Mission Statement that is going to the Regents is just what is in the box
- The bullets can be changed/revised without going to the BOR
- Want to commend the committee in responding to the changes that the people wanted to see

Cons of Recommendation:
- Do not like the statement that we are preparing our students to work toward a more equitable world, not because I am opposed to that but I do not think that it is appropriate as a public institution
- Comments with regard to that statement were either very strongly in favor or very strongly opposed

Committee Recommendation:
To recommend that the University Senate approve the newly revised Mission Statement as presented and that the accompanying bullets are published with the Mission Statement whenever possible.
MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The University Senate Committee: Senate Executive

by a vote of  8 for to 1 against on April 7, 2009

Recommends that:

The University Senate approve the Mission Statement as shown

UW-Eau Claire Mission Statement

We serve the public good by educating tomorrow’s leaders.
Our integrated, transformative liberal education emphasizes experiential learning
and prepares responsible citizens to work toward a more equitable world.

We fulfill our mission through a pervasive university commitment to provide:

- Rigorous, intentional and experiential undergraduate liberal education for life and livelihood;

- Strong, distinctive professional and graduate programs that build on and strengthen our proud tradition of liberal education;

- Multicultural and international learning experiences for a diverse world;

- Exemplary student-faculty research and scholarship that enhance teaching and learning;

- An inclusive campus community that challenges students to develop their intellectual, personal, and social competencies;

- Educational opportunities responsive to the needs of our communities, state, region and beyond; and

- Academic leadership in transforming liberal education.

Implementation Date:

Signed: _______________________________________
Chair of the Committee

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