The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Freymiller at 3:05 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 in the Centennial Room of Davies Center.

1) Approval of the Minutes of February 17, 2015
   • Approved as amended
   • Typographical error corrected

2) Open Forum
   • Workflow software program for graduate student admissions process is having major problems
     • It seems that you are getting stuck or are not allowed to send all the files
     • Information will be passed along to LTS as it seems like a software issue
   • Question about the removal of other institutions that interact with the public per Governor Walker
     • Does not affect anything at UWEC; heard a rumor that it possibly affects the water quality people, Department of Hygiene, Department of Agriculture, and Urban Policy
     • These are things that had been added to UW System over the years, so now we this as an opportunity to move them out of System

Without objection, the agenda items will be moved until later in the meeting

3) Review of tentative agenda for March 10, 2015 meeting of the University Senate
   • Approved as amended
   • Under New Business removal of: Classified Staff Voting Rights on Committees
   • Under New Business removal of: Motion to change GE subcategories

4) Classified Staff Voting Rights on Committees
   • Asking for full voting rights for classified/university staff members on University Senate Budget Committee, Technology Committee, and Physical Plant Planning Committee
   • Only applies to classified/university staff on these University Senate committees
   • Classified staff have voting rights on university-wide committees of which they are members
   • It is not accurate that only senators are allowed to vote on these University Senate committees
   • Classified/university staff have membership rights on these committees, but not voting rights
   • Issue is not controversial
   • This is a new proposal; we should be reluctant to delay it
   • This request might have to be done in two separate motions because there is a bylaw change
     • Might have to wait until after July 1st to bring back new language because we have to wait for the changes that have already been made this session to be implemented
     • Is this necessary if the Chancellor has already signed it?
       • It should be approved prior to July 1st
       • We could do this as a new motion
Motion by Senator Berry that we approve this in concept and that the exact language be presented at the University Senate meeting, seconded

Debate
- We should not have to rescind or amend something previously adopted if this is a new motion
- Chair Freymiller will research how we deal with this because it might be a two-step process
  - It will require time to put it in place because it would be presented in two separate motions
- Motion to amend bylaws will be presented at next Senate Executive Committee
- Senate Executive Committee supports the concept
- Chair wants to research rescinding an action already taken and then work on a proposal for an amendment to the bylaws
  - It is thought that you cannot make changes until after it is published

Vote on Motion: DEFEATED

Motion by Senator Papalia that we bring back this issue back for discussion at the next University Senate Executive Committee meeting, seconded

Vote on Motion: PASSED

5) Discussion on changes to GE subcategories
- Acting on behalf of the A&S chairs who have unanimously endorsed removing the GE subcategory distribution requirement because staffing cuts will create problems in some of the GE categories, particularly GE-IV
- If we don’t eliminate the subcategory distribution requirement, we will delay graduation for some students, due to the loss of (instructional) academic staff
- University has to remove the subcategory distribution requirement before a college can do it
- Brought to Executive Committee as a point of information so they know this is coming
- No action has been proposed to delay implementation of the new LE Core
- This will only affect 2015-16, because LE will go into effect in 2016-17
- Some students will be finished with their GE categories, but they will still have a credit hour requirement to fulfill
- Anyone who begins in 2015-16 catalog will follow their catalog and should be advised to switch to LE Core, which could be done retroactively
  - If approved, each College could make changes that suit them
- Only category that will be significantly impacted is GE-IV
- There won’t be as many sections and we don’t want to keep students from graduating
  - A&S is likely to lose many IAS, but we don’t know exact numbers
- Workflow has to get through APC and University Senate, but we have to work on it before we run out of time
- APC could look at this on the March 17th
  - If anyone has any suggestions on what APC can/should look at please let Jean Pratt know
- It is really a modified version of the LE Core, so one could see it as a transition
- Every degree program has the ability to create more restrictions
- Suggestion will be eliminated if LE Core goes through, so there could be a provision that if LE Core does not go through, then this is only good for a year
- We should stress that colleges make their own decisions

6) Announcements
- None

Meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Submitted by,

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