Members Present:

Members Absent:
Cindy Albert, Jason Anderson, Rose-Marie Avin, Lori Bica, Jon Bollinger, Linda Carlson, Doug Dunham, Chip Eckardt, Jeff Erger, Debbie Ernie, Todd Glaser, Jeffrey Goodman, Martin Hanifin, Jerry Hoepner, Bonnie Krahn, Cheryl Lapp, Jill Markgraf, Heather Pearson, April Pierson, Manda Riehl, Dan Strouthes, Jeri Weiser, Odawa White, Kate Wilson, Tracy Yengo

Guests:
Karen Havholm, Debra Jansen

The regular meeting of University Senate was called to order by Chair Freymiller at 3:04 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 in the Dakota Ballroom of Davies Center.

1) Approval of the February 10, 2015 University Senate minutes
   - Approved as distributed

2) Administrator Remarks – Chancellor Schmidt
   - Have seen some changes in the political climate
   - Many conversations have taken place and our messages seem to be getting through
     - There is some hope that we might reduce the size of the cut
   - Chancellor has been invited to join the Joint Finance Committee with President Ray Cross
     - Will tell the UWEC story and the impact the budget cuts will have on UWEC
     - Will share what we do, what we have done, what initiatives we have taken, and how we will change so our students remain our focus
     - Will report on the establishment of the Rapid Action Task Forces
     - Will stress the consequences if funding is taken away
   - UWEC students are making the case right now in Madison
   - Task Forces have been meeting frequently; would encourage you to stay in contact with them
   - Our students should participate in at least one of our high impact practices
   - We need 50 percent of our students to graduate in four years; we want 20% of our enrollment to be students of color
   - BOR meeting next week
     - Jennifer Dahl is a new Regent Scholar; she will attend as the mentor of Tayo Sanders
       - Tayo Sanders will tell BOR that he would not have been a Rhodes scholar if he hadn’t come to UWEC and gotten an opportunity to participate in student/faculty research in his second week as a freshman; he would not have had access to the equipment needed to perform his research
   - Peace Corps named UWEC among the top 25% of universities that provide volunteers
   - Faculty continue to publish scholarly work
   - Athletic teams are doing well and deserve our support
• Encourage attendance at the Music and Theatre Arts presentation of *Marriage of Figaro*
• It is good to be reminded of why we are here and the great success of our students
• We need to nourish ourselves and our souls and have balance in our lives as we work together to solve the significant issue that we have in front of us
• Some of the other chancellors may also attend the BOR meeting
  • Joint Finance Committee will also make a decision about the Confluence Project
• Thank you for your good work

3) Reports
   a) Report from University Senate Chair Freymiller
      • Since our last meeting, leaders of shared governance units at all colleges and universities of the UW System, and on behalf of their respective Faculty Senates, University Committees, University Senates, and Executive Committees have endorsed the joint communication from official faculty governance groups that was linked to your agenda
        • [Joint Communication from Official Faculty Governance Units](#)
      • This communication was sent to the Board of Regents on February 20 by Bradley Seebach, on behalf of the faculty governance leaders
      • I would like to read the cover letter to you at this time
        • [Joint Communication Cover Letter](#)
      • Chancellor Schmidt has established his Rapid Action Task Forces
        • Academic Staff representative Wilson was assigned to Student Services, Faculty representative Peterson was assigned to Administrative Redesign, Senate Chair Freymiller was assigned to Curriculum, and Senate Vice-Chair Serros was assigned to Academic Workload
      • These Task Forces have been meeting regularly and will report back to Chancellor Schmidt by March 16

   b) Executive Committee Report
      • Executive Committee met on Tuesday, February 17 and heard a report from Student Senate President Sam Fish, Student Senate Vice-President Jake Wrasse, and Student Senator Paul Soulier regarding the Student Senate resolution in Support of Indigenous People’s Day that was passed in October 2014 and linked to your agenda
        • [Student Senate Resolution in Support of Indigenous People’s Day](#)
      • After hearing their rationale for this resolution, Executive Committee voted to show support for the Student Senate’s Indigenous People’s Day resolution
      • In response to the University Senate motion from February 10th to refer the resolution on UW System Public Authority to the Executive committee for new language, Executive Committee passed the UWEC Resolution on Budget Cuts that will be presented under new business

4) New Business
   a) [UWEC Resolution on Budget Cuts](#)

   Supporting Documents:
   [Student Senate Resolution in Support of Reducing the Size of the UW System Budget cut](#)

MOVED and seconded to debate this resolution.

MOVED and seconded that the following Resolution be approved and forwarded to:
UW System President Ray Cross; Board of Regents President Michael Falbo; Senators Kathleen Vinehout; Terry Moulton; Alberta Darling; John Nygren; Luther Olsen; Sheila Harsdorf; Mary Lazich; Jennifer Shilling; Richard Gudex; Scott Fitzgerald; Representatives Dale Kooyenga; Warren Petryk; Dana Wachs; Speaker Robin Vos; Governor Scott Walker

Whereas the proposed $300 million dollar budget reduction to the UW-System would irreparably damage the quality of the education we provide and our ability to serve our students, the citizens of Wisconsin, and the state economy, be it resolved the UW-Eau Claire University Senate wishes to voice their unequivocal opposition to this unprecedented cut. We also reaffirm our commitment to the Wisconsin Idea and to shared governance and tenure as essential to the existence of the University of Wisconsin System.
Debate

- Comment that one agreed with this statement and had no reservations

Without objection, we will vote on this motion today

Vote on MOTION: PASSED without opposition

MOVED that a count be taken by a show of hands: 38 in favor to 0 against

5) Announcements

- The next meeting of the University Senate is March 10, 2015
- One of our students passed away last week and her family asked that we share that her death was a suicide
  - May 6th is a Day of Remembrance in the Dakota Ballroom
- On Thursday at 4 p.m. in Schofield Auditorium there will be an open community discussion on Race and Policing
  - If anyone would like further information, please contact Selika Ducksworth-Lawton
- Former Provost Tallant
  - A colleague just visited him and stated that he is doing wonderful and they love him there
  - He said to say hello to everybody

Without objection, meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tanya Kenney
Secretary to the University Senate