Chair’s Report for November 10, 1998

Senate update

- remember to initial the roll call sheet when you enter the room
- web site: http://www.uwec.edu/Admin/Usenate

Open Forum Items from Senate Executive Committee Meeting minutes

- Request for any assistance possible in reinstatement of baseball as a varsity sport at UWEC
  - Brought forward by Dan Langlois, University Recreation
  - Student Senate passed resolution in 1995 supporting reinstatement of UW-EC baseball if there was a positive change in federal or state budget
  - Baseball supporters (alumni, students, Eau Claire community) would like to enlist the support of University Senate
  - Response to questions
    - Funding for athletics comes from general revenue, program revenue, student segregated fees, team fund raising
  - Title IX was not underlying issue for discontinuation of baseball
  - Athletics had significant deficit in 1995
    - Extensive analysis of athletic modules ranked sports;
    - Baseball was ranked at bottom of list according to criteria used
  - Sports added by going through Athletics Committee which annually analyzes the whole athletic program
  - Other sports currently being looked at: women's ice hockey, men's soccer
  - Baseball proponents have meeting with Athletics Committee week of November 16th
  - This level of detail does not normally go through University Senate Budget Committee
  - Currently is a baseball club which receives $500 funding and then is on its own; compete as can find games
  - Apparently baseball schedule required missing lots of classes; new team may have to reduce missed class time
  - Last year baseball played, sport was $28,000 in debt
    - Costs for given year approximately $15,000; Start up costs more in range of $30,000 to $40,000
  - Team willing to fund raise and work hard to solve problems, be positive and create good situation

Items discussed with the Senate Chair

- Possible motion for restricting salary maximum of administrator returning to non-administrative duties
- Motion for restricted areas for smoking on campus - presented during new business

Faculty Reps Meeting

- During discussion with one of the Deans from Madison:
  - Is sufficient reward/recognition is given to those who serve the University (committees, NCA reviews, major search and screens, etc.) What is the trade-off between research and service?
  - Problems with obtaining quality department chairs. Chair seen as servant of the department, every year an advisory ballot for the department is taken, the chair then is ‘appointed’ by Dean, based on the ballot; typical 3-year term although advisory ballot can influence a shorter term
  - General survey of faculty reps present revealed a wide variety in the ways department chairs are selected/elected (summary available upon request)
  - Concern for adequate background and training for the increasingly complex job of being a chair
  - Compensation for chairs varies from a set lump sum per semester or summer appointments
  - Vice Chancellors will be discussing the issue

- Budget update - 90% of what happens in the final budget passed by the legislature is achieved via the Governor’s budget. NOW is the time to talk with and influence the Governor’s staff. They need to know you are watching.
  - More effective to write as an individual, not as one representing the University
  - PERSONALIZE! Do not use a standard form letter.
  - Remember to offer yourself as a resource.
  - Typical volume of letters received is very small; 2-3 letter on a single topic is a big deal!
  - Postcard campaigns usually ignored; measure effort put into the process.
• Salary letter delivered to President Lyall and Regents; 3 other UW institutions also supported 6% and 8%. Lyall said
the Regents want some reward in the compensation distribution guidelines for collaborative programs across
institutions and departments. If you have any comments about the distribution guidelines, speak to the members of the
UW-System Compensation committee soon.

• Guidelines for 1999-2000 Wisconsin Teaching Fellows Program were distributed. If interested, contact the Senate
office.

Board of Regents Meeting
• Decision to appeal to the Supreme Court the Southworth decision.
• Authorization given to recruit a Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.
• 1998 UW System Information Technology Report was presented. Copy available in the Senate office.
• Compensation request for 5.2% each year of the biennium was approved. See attached information.