Senates update
• Important links on the web site: [http://www.uwec.edu/Admin/Usenate](http://www.uwec.edu/Admin/Usenate)
  • Budget strategies, NCA self-study, Faculty/Staff handbook

Open Forum Items from Senate Executive Committee Meeting minutes
• Chancellor Mash reported back about issue raised at previous Executive Committee meeting regarding administrative positions
  • Ten-year history of number of administrative positions including level of director and above indicates there are fewer of these positions now
    • In 1989-90, there were 51 such positions; today there are 46
    • During reorganization five years ago such positions hit low of 43
    • Numbers include special assistants
    • Numbers include all administrative positions without regard to funding source
  • Perception on campus does not fit reality

Other Items from Senate Executive Committee Meetings
• Faculty and academic staff survey - please encourage your department / unit members to complete the survey

Items discussed with the Senate Chair
• System calendars across the UW-System (see attached)
• Request for nominations for Board members from Chair of the Nominations Committee for the Board of Directors of the University Insurance Association (UIA - established to provide decreasing term life insurance to all unclassified employees of the UW system). Members serve three-year terms and meet twice a year, once in December in Madison and once in April via telephone conference. Nominations must be sent to Nicholas W. Schultz, Chair, Nominations Committee, University Insurance Association, Mitchell Hall 273, PO Box 340, Milwaukee, WI 53201 by March 19th.

Faculty Reps Meeting
• Distribution of Budget Strategy for talking with legislators - detailed graphs available from file on Senate web site describing:
  • "Gap" in State Appropriations per FTE Student … 5 years ago the UW System was above the national average by $161 per student. Today the gap is $813 (below) and growing.
  • Effect of Budget Reductions on UW System Students … since 1989, the UW System has lost $84 million in state funding reductions and lapses, including a $33 million budget cut in the 1995-97 biennium.
  • Percentage Change in State Appropriations for Higher Education, 1995-96 to 1997-98 … other states, on average, outpacing Wisconsin in higher education investments by almost a 4-to-1 margin.
  • Percent Change in State GPR Funding for Higher Education 1994-95 through 1997-98 (Inflation Adjusted) … when adjusted for inflation, the UW System senior has lost ground in the state's investment since arriving on campus 4 years ago.
• UW System Percent of State GPR Expenditure 1973-74 to 1998-99 … 25-year downward trend; 25 years ago, almost 14.5% of available state GPR dollars invested in UW system, figure fallen to 9% today

• Percent Change in GPR Expenditures Since 1975

• Sources of UW System Funding: 1973-74 to 1998-99 … in 73-74 GPR accounted for 52% of funding, today 33%

• 1997-99 Tuition Peer Comparisons … UW tuition remain well below the midpoint of peer institutions

• Administration as a Percentage of Spending … UW System has the lowest administrative spending among peers

• Administration as a Percentage of Total Expenditures (UW System vs. 18 Peer Systems)

• Faculty Salary History, Full Professor … salary of full professor on average ranks below the midpoint of peer institutions; 24% of the faculty expected to retire by 2004, echoing national trend. Competitive salaries for replacement faculty an increasingly significant challenge.

• Average Annual Income by Educational Attainment for Persons 18 Years Old and Over (1996)

Board of Regents Meeting

• Impressive presentation by UW-Eau Claire faculty and students before the Board describing the importance and benefits of Faculty and Undergraduate Student Research Collaboration

• Regents comments on the Budget:
  • Boyle: The foundation of the University is the faculty. Unless we are able to compete for the top faculty, we will not be able to continue as a great University.
  • Smith: The compensation package we are bringing forward does not put us ahead of the crowd, it just gets us into the crowd.
  • Staszak (student Regent): Students are very committed that we have a quality faculty.

• Presentation on the Preparation of New Ph.D.'s for Teaching. Regent Smith asked: Why wouldn't we want to create an environment where those who are better at research do more research and those who are better at teaching do more teaching? … Can we change the culture?

• Regents passed the following resolution:

  The UW System admissions policy shall provide that either the American College Test (ACT) or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) is to be required of all freshmen entering a campus of the University of Wisconsin System effective in fall 2000.

  It is the intent of the Regents that:
  1. The ACT is the preferred test for admission.
  2. Institutions themselves will determine how the ACT or SAT is to be used.
  3. In no situation can the ACT or SAT be the sole criterion for admission

  Any institution may waive the admission test requirement for freshmen applicants who require special and unique exemption.

• Initial reading of the request to establish a new B.S. in Software Engineering at UW-Platteville.

• Oshkosh, Platteville, and River Falls requested permission to charge graduate students summer session per-credit tuition for all credits taken.