Chair’s Report for February 23, 1999

Senate update

- Next meeting will be the discussion of the Institutional Self-Study Report with the UWEC Self-Study team members.
  - The data in the handbook is only a snapshot of time.
  - Pay special attention to where governance is or should be mentioned.
  - If the information is inaccurate, specify how it should be corrected.
  - If you don't understand a section, identify the section.
  - If you can suggest better examples or content, submit them in writing.
  - Provide some ideas for sidebars.

Open Forum Items from Senate Executive Committee Meeting minutes

- Practice of listing excused absences from Senate meetings was questioned
  - Bylaws require listing members present; do not require listing absences, excused or otherwise
  - Continuing practices of past
  - Useful when asked to write letters for personnel files to supervisors of Senators
  - Handbook simply says Senators are expected to attend
  - All Senators are adults; they can determine priorities for themselves
  - Important to call in if not going to meetings so chair aware if quorum will be present
  - Should be some accountability if run for office

- Policy on content of Spectator, particularly of magazine insert, questioned
  - Since Spectator is student-run enterprise, no university policy covers
  - Anyone concerned with content or image presented should contact faculty advisor, Gerald Conner, or Editor-In-Chief, Steve Hyden
  - Steve Hyden indicated The Spectator will be as responsive as possible to concerns

- Concern expressed about completion date of work to be done during summer 1999 on Hibbard Hall
  - Timetable calls for completion during first week of September; leaves little margin
  - Concern noted and will be passed on to Kathy Mitchell, Associate Vice Chancellor for Business and Student Services
  - First ever exhibition of medical illustrations and designs from Mayo Clinic will begin Thursday, February 25th in gallery in Haas Fine Arts Center

- Need for language in handbook to reflect current policy on visitor’s privileges extended to emeriti faculty and academic staff
  - Issue will be forwarded to appropriate personnel committees

Faculty Reps Meeting

- Next meeting - Friday, February 26th
  - Reps are requesting a meeting with the Board of Regents to discuss issues of importance to faculty and staff

Board of Regents Meeting

- Next meeting - Thursday and Friday, March 4th and 5th

Other Announcements

- University-wide Committee openings - University Faculty and University Academic Staff Nominating Committees currently looking for nominees (contact Kathryn Proctor-Duax for faculty openings or Connie Russell for Academic Staff openings - watch the University Bulletin for details).

- Committees: University Faculty Nominating; Faculty Termination Review; Faculty Complaint and Grievance; University Social; University Academic Staff Nominating; Academic Staff Complaint, Grievance, and Review; Academic Staff Professional Development; University Senate Faculty Personnel; University Senate Compensation; University Senate Academic Staff Personnel
• **Senators:** University Senate Senators At-Large