A regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Freymiller at 3:02 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 in the Council Oak Room of Davies Center.

1) Approval of the Minutes of November 15, 2016
   • Approved as distributed

2) Ten-minute Open Forum
   • None

3) Review of tentative agenda for December 13, 2016 meeting of the University Senate
   • Approved as amended
     • Under New Business: Renaming the Emphasis: Learning Disabilities and Cognitive Disabilities to Specific Learning Disabilities and Intellectual Disabilities and the renaming of the Emphasis – Comprehensive Major: Special Education, Learning Disabilities and Middle Childhood through Early Adolescence Regular Education to Specific Learning Disabilities and Middle Childhood through Early Adolescence Regular Education can be combined into one motion
     • Under New Business: Renaming the Certificate: Cognitive Disabilities to Intellectual Disabilities can be moved to a "For the Record" item

4) Discussion of January 31, 2017 Open Forum
   • Consensus was to have an EDI Open Forum with a panel discussion
   • EDI Team is putting together a similar event and we could collaborate and cosponsor this event instead of holding our own event
     • EDI will be doing “days of learning” in February and early March rather than single event
     • A similar event was held last week, but a Senate-sponsored Open Forum might attract a different audience than showed up last week
   • Senate-sponsored Open Forum could introduce and promote EDI workshops
   • Students seem to be tired of telling their story; videos of stories previously told could be shown
     • Forum should offer a variety of presentations, not just students sharing their stories
   • Opening remarks could provide EDI data prior to beginning a panel discussion
   • Other universities have shared reports of incidents; UWEC Bias Incident Response Team could provide examples so individuals wouldn’t have to publicly share their personal experiences
   • An Open Forum subcommittee was established; Holly Hassemer, Janice Bogstad, Katie Wilson, Ryan Banaszak, Mark McEllistrem, Melissa Bonstead-Bruns, Ashley Sukhu volunteered to serve on that subcommittee
   • Subcommittee will make recommendations at the next Executive Committee meeting on December 20th

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Submitted by,
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