University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire
University Senate Executive Committee

Minutes from April 18, 2017
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Present: Janice Bogstad, Mitch Freymiller, Holly Hassemer, Beth Hellwig, Bob Hooper, Colleen Marchwick, Sean McAleer, Geoffrey Peterson, Jim Phillips, Jean Pratt, Lisa Schiller, Todd Stephens, Ganga Vadhavkar, Katie Wilson

Absent: Jason Anderson, Ryan Banaszak, Marquell Johnson, Patricia Kleine, Marc Mc Ellistrem, James Schmidt, Evan Weiher

A regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Freymiller at 3:04 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 in the Council Oak Room of Davies Center.

1) Approval of the Minutes of April 4, 2017
   • Approved as distributed

2) Ten-minute Open Forum
   • None

Without objection, agenda item #4 will be heard before item #3

3) Review of the tentative agendas for April 25, 2017 meeting of the University Senate
   • Approved as amended
   • Add First Readings on behalf of the Academic Policies Committee
   • Elimination of the Comprehensive Major: Music-Theory
   • Women’s Study Proposals
     • Proposed changes of the Women’s Studies Program to Women’s Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program

4) Senate Chair and Vice Chair Election Language
   • Current language has been in effect only since 2011
   • Gives department chairs time to plan and adjust teaching schedules
   • Because the vice chair is elected in fall it could pose a problem with scheduling
   • The nominating committee has oversight in obtaining the nominees
   • Processes could be looked at so chairs have more notice on when elections will take place
   • Concern about lack of attendance if time frame changes for election of the Vice Chair
   • This language would not change the length of term for either office, nor would it alter the date on which the term starts nor the date on which the term ends
MOTION by Senator Hooper and seconded to amend the language to read:

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1. Senate Chair (US 4/17)
   Article 3, Section B.1.a. and B.1.b
   a. Election: Nominations for Chair-elect will be made at the last University Senate meeting in April/October of the even-numbered years. Election of the chair-elect will take place at the first University Senate meeting in April/November. The Chair-elect is to be elected from among the current members of the University Senate.

   b. Term: The Chair-elect will serve on the Executive Committee for one year immediately upon election and then become Chair of the University Senate for two years, taking office July 1 in the odd-numbered years. Upon completion of the two-year term as chair, the officer shall serve an additional year as the Immediate Past Chair.

Debate
   • Solicitation of candidates can be done in January for the vice chair
   • It might be nice to have a 2 week gap in the nomination/election for vice chair

VOTE on MOTION: PASSED

Without objection, this motion will be presented to the full senate

5) Announcements
   • Day of Remembrance is scheduled for May 2nd at noon in the Dakota Ballroom

Meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Submitted by,
Tanya Kenney
Secretary of the University Senate