Members Present:

Members Absent:

Guests:
MJ Brukardt, Margaret Cassidy, Diane Hoadley, Corry Mahnke, Doug Mathews

The regular meeting of University Senate was called to order by Chair Freymiller at 3:06 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 in the Ojibwe Ballroom of Davies Center.

Chair Freymiller welcomed Marc Mc Ellistrem as the new senator from Materials Science.

1) Approval of the February 23, 2016 University Senate minutes
   • Approved as distributed

2) Administrator Remarks – Chancellor Schmidt
   • UWEC Foundation is recipient of a radio station - WDRK FM 99.9 - valued at about $1 million
     • Midwest Family Radio stations decided to donate it to UWEC
     • It was evaluated and Provost Kleine determined that it would be a good academic program
     • UWEC Foundation will operate it
   • EDI Forum was held on March 4 and nearly 200 people attended
     • Draft report is online and feedback is being collected
   • UW-La Crosse, UW-Platteville, and UW-Milwaukee are currently making cuts; people are wondering if another round of cuts is coming at UWEC
     • UWEC has no need to make another round of cuts at this time because we are ahead of most institutions, which are just now catching up
3) Reports
   a) For the Record: Motion from Academic Policies Committee
      
      Eliminate study-abroad program at the University of Latvia

      Additional Handouts:
      
      Proposal to Close Latvia; FAQ on Request to Cancel Latvia

      Debate
      • None

      Without objection, MOTION to Eliminate study-abroad program at the University of Latvia entered FOR THE RECORD

   b) For the Record: Motion from Academic Policies Committee
      
      Establish Certificate in Integrated Strategic Communication

      Additional Handouts:
      
      ISC Program Certificate Proposal; A&S Approved Certificates

      Debate
      • None

      Without objection, MOTION to Establish Certificate in Integrated Strategic Communication entered FOR THE RECORD

   c) For the Record: Motion from Academic Policies Committee
      
      Establish Certificate in Social Advocacy and Change

      Additional Handout:
      
      Social Advocacy and Change Program Proposal

      Debate
      • None

      Without objection, MOTION to Establish Certificate in Social Advocacy and Change entered FOR THE RECORD

   d) For the Record: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee
      
      Establish Certificate in Interdisciplinary Linguistics

      Additional Handout:
      
      Interdisciplinary Linguistics Program Proposal

      Debate
      • None

      Without objection, MOTION to Establish Certificate in Interdisciplinary Linguistics entered FOR THE RECORD
e) Report from University Senate Chair Freymiller
   • Since our last meeting, Chancellor Schmidt has approved the following Senate actions:
     - Rename the Comprehensive Major: Geography, Liberal Arts International Geography within
       the Department of Geography and Anthropology to Comprehensive Major: Geography, Liberal
       Arts Transnational Geographies
     - Establish a Research Emphasis within the Comprehensive Major: Mathematics, Liberal Arts in
       the Department of Mathematics
     - Eliminate the Minor: Integrated Strategic Communication, Liberal Arts, Public Relations from
       the Department of Communication and Journalism
     - Eliminate the Minor: Integrated Strategic Communication, Liberal Arts, Advertising from the
       Department of Communication and Journalism
     - Establish a Minor: Integrated Strategic Communication, Liberal Arts within
       the Department of
       Communication and Journalism
     - Written and oral comments from the “Topic of the Day” on Civic Engagement have been posted
       on the University Senate website under the link “Feedback on Civic Engagement”
     - Senators are urged to pass this information along to their departments/units
     - Chancellor's Cabinet met on March 1
     - Chancellor Schmidt provided updates on our current budget position and on the status of the
       change initiatives involving Creative Services, Advising, Blugold Central, Facilities, and the
       Administrative One-Stop
     - Cabinet took part in a planning exercise to develop strategies for several major themes that
       have emerged during campus-wide discussions following the Spring breakfast
     - On Friday, March 4 students, faculty and staff gathered for report from the Equity, Diversity and
       Inclusivity Implementation Team
     - If you weren’t able to attend, Chancellor Schmidt sent a link to the EDI report

f) Report from Representative Peterson
   • BOR voting on Thursday regarding post tenure policy, post review policy, and program
     discontinuation and layoff
   • Any comments should be sent to Faculty Representative Peterson
   • Representative Peterson to address the BOR at 9 am on Thursday

4) Special Orders
   a) University Senate Elections for University Senate Committees (see details next on page)

5) Announcements
   • The next meeting of the University Senate is tentatively scheduled for March 29th, 2016 in the
     Dakota Ballroom of the Davies Center
   • Following adjournment, senators are invited to join the University Planning Committee to
     provide input on the 2020 strategic plan
     • A description of this planning session was included with your Senate agenda. MJ Brukardt
       will provide some instructions for the planning session

Without objection, meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tanya Kenney
Secretary to the University Senate
Committee Vacancy for the March 8, 2016 University Senate Meeting

Executive Committee
Officers:
Mitch Freymiller, Chair
Sherrie Serros, Vice Chair
Geoff Peterson, Political Science, Faculty Rep.
Katie Wilson, Student Health Services, Academic Staff Rep

Continuing members of the Executive Committee:
Selika Duckworth-Lawton, History
Jean Pratt, Information Systems
Rosa Jadack, Nursing
Bob Hooper, Geology
John Pollitz, Library
Douglas Olson, Management & Marketing
Marty Wood, English
Holly Hassemer, Academic Skills
Luke Fedie, Counseling Services
Linda Carlson, Languages
Jason Anderson, University Centers
Ganga Vadhavkar, Communication & Journalism
Jerry Hoepner, Communication Sciences & Disorders

1 Vacancy for Faculty Senator:
1 year term
Faculty Senator from Any Area
This committee generally meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 3-5 p.m.

Report of the University Senate Nominating Committee
Nominees:
Faculty Any Area: Marc McEllistrem, Materials Science

Additional nominations from the floor: None

Without objection, rules are suspended to allow Marc McEllistrem to serve on the University Senate Executive Committee

Elected to serve on University Senate Executive Committee: Marc McEllistrem