The regular meeting of University Senate was called to order by Chair Freymiller at 3:04 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 in the Ojibwe Ballroom of Davies Center.

1) Approval of the November 22, 2016 University Senate minutes
   - Approved as distributed

2) Administrator Remarks – Chancellor Schmidt
   - Please watch for upcoming events for this time of the year
     - Holiday concert, jazz concert, senior art exhibition, McNair presentations
     - Library will offer massages, therapy dogs, pancake breakfast
   - Busy year in which we launched our Centennial celebration; hosted the BOR meeting; presented EDI Initiatives and an Academic Master Plan; approved a new Strategic Plan
   - EDI Implementation Team has been named; work on professional development pilots
   - Held Circles of Change session with 25 volunteer facilitators
   - Board of Regents strongly endorsed a request for a pay plan in the next biennium with a unanimous vote for a 2% Pay Plan in each year of the biennium
   - Relax over the winter break and use your Blugold ID to get two people into UWEC sporting events

3) Reports
   a) Report from University Senate Chair Freymiller
      - Since the last meeting the following motions have been approved
        - Post Tenure Review Amended
        - Readmission of Students After Academic Suspension
        - Musical Theatre Emphasis
b) Report from Faculty Representative Peterson
   • Faculty representatives discussed language requiring administrative review and came up with amended language; UWEC policy already contained that language
   • Regents passed six post-tenure review policies, including UWEC
   • Discussed faculty turnover rates; numbers are higher
     • 8% left or retired during 2016 fiscal year, compared to 5.5% over previous five years
     • Some campuses saw as much as 13% turnover
     • Resignations increased from 2.2% to 3.5%
       • Approximately 70% left for salary reasons
   • Regents passed interim post-tenure review policy for campuses that had not yet approved a policy

c) Report from Academic Staff Representative Senator Wilson
   • Campus Carry legislation will likely be reintroduced during next legislative session
   • Tuition-setting policy taskforce will be meeting

d) For the Record: Academic Policies Committee
   i) Proposed Certificates in Water Resources, Responsible Mining and Earth Resources
      Debate
      • None
      Without objection, this motion will be entered For the Record

   ii) Proposal to add summer school programs at Harlaxton and University of Glasgow starting summer 2018
      Debate
      • None
      Without objection, this motion will be entered For the Record

   iii) Proposal to close the Costa Rica/Nicaragua fall semester program
      Debate
      • None
      Without objection, this motion will be entered For the Record

   iv) Renaming SPED Certificate: Cognitive Disabilities to Intellectual Disabilities
      Debate
      • None
      Without objection, this motion will be entered For the Record

e) Executive Committee Report
   • On December 6th, the Executive Committee discussed a potential Open Forum on EDI issues to be held Tuesday, January 31st, 2017
   • Suggestions were made regarding specific topics, format, and participants
   • Executive Committee decided to collaborate with EDI Team and Student Body President
   • Subcommittee was established to work out detailed proposal that will be shared with the full Executive Committee on December 20th
   • More information forthcoming
4) Unfinished Business
   • None

5) New Business
   a) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee
      
      Renaming SPED Majors - Learning Disabilities and Cognitive Disabilities to Specific Learning Disabilities and Intellectual Disabilities and rename – 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

Debate
   • None

Without objection, we will vote on this today

Vote on Motion: PASSED

6) Announcements
   • Upon adjournment, the Fall semester portion of the 53rd session will come to a close
   • The next meeting of the University Senate is scheduled for February 14th, 2017 in the Dakota Ballroom of Davies Center

Without objection, meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Submitted by,

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