The regular meeting of University Senate was called to order by Chair Freymiller at 3:05 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 in the Woodland Theatre of Davies Center.

Senator Thomas Storm from Advising was welcomed to the University Senate

1) Approval of the December 13, 2016 University Senate minutes
   • Approved as distributed

2) Administrator Remarks – Chancellor Schmidt
   • Employee appreciation lunch on Thursday, 2/16 sponsored by Foundation
   • UWEC exchange student from Mexico was recently named president of Kalamazoo College in Michigan; our global, liberal education changes lives because we have a far-reaching impact
   • Governor Walker proposed $140 million for investment in UW System, of which $35 million would go towards reducing tuition
     • It has been 12 years since any additional state money has been put into UW System
     • Accountability metrics will likely play a role in this proposal
   • Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. in Schofield Auditorium Chancellor Schmidt will discuss Governor Walker’s proposed budget, campus priorities for the spring semester, and the investments we will make in our faculty at an All-Campus Forum to which everyone is invited
   • Several university-wide administrator search committees are currently meeting

3) Reports
   a) Report from University Senate Chair Freymiller
      • Since the last Senate meeting Chancellor Schmidt has approved the following Senate actions:
        • To establish certificates in Water Resources, Responsible Mining, and Earth Resources that will be coordinated and administered by the Department of Geology
        • To add a summer session study abroad programs at Harlaxton and at the University of Glasgow starting in 2018
        • To close the Costa Rica/Nicaragua CIE program
        • To change the name of the Cognitive Disabilities certificate to Intellectual Disabilities
        • To change the names of two comprehensive majors in Special Education to reflect “Specific” Learning Disabilities and “Intellectual” Disabilities
• On Tuesday, January 31 the University Senate, University Staff Council, and Student Senate sponsored an open Forum on the Role of EDI in Faculty and Staff Performance Evaluations
  • Over 100 faculty, academic staff, university staff, and students attended the EDI presentations and 80 participated in the discussion groups
  • Written comments from those discussion groups are linked on the University Senate website and have been sent to the Faculty Personnel Committee, Academic staff Personnel Committee, University Staff Personnel Committee, and Student Body President
    • Faculty Personnel committee is responsible for proposing language to be added to the FASRP that would develop rules for using EDI to evaluate faculty performance for purposes of reappointment, tenure, promotion

b) Report from Faculty Representative Peterson
  • Budget discussions make us cautiously optimistic
  • Questions whether self-insurance proposal would go anywhere
  • Segregated fees issue would be a bookkeeping nightmare for UW System
  • Presentation on the titling study that is being done
  • Is health insurance saving already included in the Governor's budget? If so, what happens if self-insurance doesn’t go through? Could changes to the budget effect state employees?
    • Entire $140 million wouldn’t be entirely tied to this
    • How accurate are the revenue estimates for the biennium?

c) Report from Academic Staff Representative Senator Wilson
  • Performance based funding
  • UW System is advocating for a centralized system report card system
  • Titling and compensation study
    • Not a lot of new information; study is just beginning and it will take two years for results to become available

d) For the Record: Academic Policies Committee
  Certificate in the Department of English on Critical Studies
  Without objection, this motion will be entered For the Record

e) Executive Committee Report
  • Since the last Senate meeting on December 13, the Executive Committee met twice to plan the Open Forum on the Role of EDI in Faculty and Staff Performance Evaluations that was held Tuesday, January 31
    • Thanks to Senator Hassemer for putting this subcommittee together
  • Chancellor Schmidt requested a joint meeting of the Senate Executive committee, University Staff Council Executive committee and Student Senate Executive committee for consultation regarding searches for an Assistant Chancellor for EDI, an Assistant Chancellor for Finance, an Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean of Graduate Studies, and a Dean of the College Business
    • Campus-wide requests for nominations for these search committees were issued and the search committees have been convened
  • Chancellor Schmidt requested a joint meeting of the Senate Executive Committee, University Staff Council Executive Committee and Student Senate Executive Committee for consultation regarding his Open Forum on Thursday, February 16
  • Recent resignations will create two vacancies on the Executive Committee, one for faculty and one for academic staff (including IAS)
    • The Senate Nominating committee has been informed of the need to fill these vacancies for the remainder of the terms through 2018
    • If you are interested in serving on Executive committee, please contact any member of the Senate Nominating committee
4) Unfinished Business
   • None

5) New Business
   a) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee
      Public Health Minor
      Debate
      • None
      
      Without objection, we will vote on this today

      Vote on MOTION: PASSED

   b) First Reading: Motion from the University Senate Executive Committee
      UPC Membership
      Debate
      • None
      
      Without objection, we will vote on this today

      Vote on MOTION: PASSED

6) Announcements
   • The next meeting of the University Senate is scheduled for February 28th, 2017

Without objection, meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Secretary to the University Senate