

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE  
UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING  
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**November 13, 2018**

Members Present:

Carey Applegate, Rose-Marie Avin, Robert Bell, Janice Bogstad, Cynthia Chapek, Bart Dahl, Selika Ducksworth-Lawton, Chip Eckardt, Joel Friederich, Lee Friederich, Wendy Geniusz, Gail Hanson Brenner, Ryan Harrison, Peter Hart-Brinson, Tom Hilton, Jarrod Hines, Bob Hooper, Phil Huelsbeck, Heather Iverson, Dan Janik, Matt Jewell, Marquell Johnson, Jennifer Johs-Artisensi, Jyl Kelley, Jennifer Kieffer, Patricia Kleine, Bridget Kurtenbach, Der Fa Lu, Ellen Mahaffy, Jill Markgraf, Sean McAleer, Barbara Meier, Matt Meyer, Robin Miller, Tamara Miller, Heather Pearson, Geoffrey Peterson, Nick Phillips, Mark Quamme, Barb Ritzinger, Vicki Samelson, Pedro Sottile, Thomas Storm, Laura Suppes, Andrew Suraliski, Ryan Weichelt, Evan Weiher

Members Absent:

Jan Adams, Jose Alvergue, Heather Amthauer, Lisa Coen, Albert Colom, Josh Engle, Jeff Erger, Luke Fedie, Dan Gharrity, John Haven, Kate Hinnant, Tamara Johnson, Carol Koroghlianian, Cheryl Lapp, Julia Lehman Caldwell, Colleen Marchwick, Bill Miller, Leah Olson-McBride, Sheryl Poirier, Audrey Robinson, Jeanine Rossow, Jim Rybicki, James Schmidt, Dan Schumacher, Alyssa Slaby, Charlotte Sortedahl, Ka Vang, Bao Vue, Charles Vue

Guests:

Debra Barker, Jeff Bria, Margaret Cassidy, Manny Fernandez, Debra Jansen, Darrell Newton, Jean Pratt

The regular meeting of University Senate was called to order by Chair Weiher at 3:06 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 in the Dakota Ballroom of Davies Center.

- 1) Approval of the October 23, 2018 University Senate minutes
  - Approved as distributed
- 2) Administrator Remarks
  - None
- 3) Reports
  - a) Report from University Senate Chair Weiher
    - Motions approved:
      - Elimination of German, Liberal Arts/Business Professions emphasis
      - Program name change from Latin American Studies, Culture, Language and Society Emphasis to Latin American Studies, Culture and Society Emphasis
      - Elimination of Latin American Studies Comprehensive Major
      - Study abroad program at the University of Valladolid
    - There is certainly news regarding the UW System policy discussion regarding automatic program suspension
      - It's back and now moving forward
    - Senate Executive Committee Report
      - We discussed the policy at length
        - In essence, this is largely the same proposal, but the tone is softened
          - If an undergraduate program (i.e., a major) produces fewer than 5 degrees per year over a 5 year period, system will inform the campus and they will have some choices to make such as to eliminate the program by end of the academic year or suspend admissions and may create a remediation plan, etc.

- The final decision will be made by the Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs.
    - Faculty and staff here don't like this because "faculty have the primary responsibility for advising the chancellor regarding academic activities"
  - We have until Dec. 21 to comment
  - The provost and chancellor do not support this policy change (but others do) and we plan on working with the provost on a joint document that would be a unified campus statement
  - Geoff Peterson believes there is also a statement from faculty and staff that may serve as a unified across campus statement from us
  - UW System President Ray Cross will simply make a decision on this sometime next year, probably after his meeting with the Chancellors in January and probably after the inauguration of the new Governor
  - Student Senate expressed an interest in being involved in the discussions
  - Nothing says what happens if we do not act
  - The Provost currently has to identify the low productivity programs yearly but this is different because it is more insistent
    - Is going a bit beyond that we currently do
  - Given some compelling language as to why some programs should remain on our campus
  - We are good at monitoring our own programs
  - Curriculum belongs to the faculty
  - Other campuses in the system are not monitoring their programs as well as us so they want this to go through
  - Parking story in the Spectator last week
    - Sent email to the Parking Office and asked about the proposal and if it was going to PPPC and their timeline
      - Heard back from her and she is planning on coming to Senate
- b) Faculty Representative's Report
- Met last Friday
    - Talked about math initiatives and shared services
      - Work group being put together about what services can be combined
    - Small program monitoring policy
      - Talked about the problems with the most recent version
      - Faculty reps are working on a joint letter then it can be sent to System
        - Every rep will bring to their prospective bodies
          - Outlines concerns and gives suggestions
          - Asking for data and evidence
          - Timeline gives 3 years to correct the problem but it is impossible for it to be done
          - Questioning where the final decision lies
        - Will send out a copy of the letter once all the reps sign off on it
      - Will share with Student S as well as the University Staff Council
- c) Academic Staff Representative's Report
- Title and Total Compensation project update
    - A benefits preference survey will be coming out soon
    - Titles are a part of that project
    - Reduce and map to new job families is still ongoing
      - Will evaluate once all have been matched
        - Sometime next spring/summer then will reevaluate every 3 years or so
    - There will be an appeals process
  - Discussed shared services
    - Shared services were on campus today meeting with John Haven and others
    - Been vague so far
  - Higher Learning Commission
    - Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> to talk to Madison about the restructuring system wide

- May be able to speak with the accreditation team

4) Special Orders

- a) Elections for the University Senate Chair-elect and University Senate Vice

Nomination for University Senate Chair-elect:

- Evan Weiher, Biology

Nomination for University Senate Vice Chair:

- Chip Eckardt, LTS

**Without objection, declare each nominee to have been elected by acclamation**

**Elected as University Senate Chair-elect: Evan Weiher**

**Elected as University Senate Vice Chair: Chip Eckardt**

5) Unfinished Business

6) New Business

- a) First Reading: Motion from Academic Policies Committee  
Material Science Single Comprehensive Major Program Proposal

Debate

- None

**Without objection, we will vote on this today**

**VOTE on MOTION: PASSED**

- b) First Reading: Motion from Academic Policies Committee  
Elimination of 8 Material Science and Engineering Emphases

Debate

- None

**Without objection, we will vote on this today**

**VOTE on MOTION: PASSED**

- c) First Reading: Motion from Academic Policies Committee  
Actuarial Science Comprehensive Major, Liberal Arts Program Proposal

Debate

- The actuarial emphasis in math major is the next motion that will be presented and that motion will eliminate that

**Without objection, we will vote on this today**

**VOTE on MOTION: PASSED**

- d) First Reading: Motion from Academic Policies Committee

Elimination of Mathematics, Actuarial Science Emphasis, Comprehensive Major, Liberal Arts Program

Debate

- None

**Without objection, we will vote on this today**

**VOTE on MOTION: PASSED**

7) Announcements

- The next University Senate meeting is November 27<sup>th</sup> in the Dakota Ballroom

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

Submitted by,

Tanya Kenney  
Secretary to the University Senate