UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING
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Members Present:

Members Absent:
Jan Adams, Jose Alvergue, Heather Amthauer, Cynthia Chapek, Lisa Coen, Albert Colom, Josh Engle, Jeff Erger, Luke Fedie, Dan Gharrity, Peter Hart-Brinson, John Haven, Kate Hinnant, Heather Iverson, Tamara Johnson, Patricia Kleine, Julia Lehman Caldwell, Leah Olson-McBride, Sheryl Poirier, Audrey Robinson, Vicki Samelson, Dan Schumacher, Ka Vang, Bao Vue, Charles Vue, Ryan Weichelt

Guests:
Robin Beeman, Jeff Bria, Margaret Cassidy, Debra Jansen, Jill Prushiek

The regular meeting of University Senate was called to order by Chair Weiher at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 in the Dakota Ballroom of Davies Center.

1) Approval of the November 13, 2018 University Senate minutes
   • Approved as distributed

2) Administrator Remarks
   • Hope all had a refreshing break and a good feast
   • Notified that the Athletics Department was ranked 4th in the country for athletic success
     • Congratulations to Kim Wudi for making the final 4 for volleyball and for being named coach of the year
   • While in China visited many partners and alums
   • New partnership established in China
   • Appreciate the International Office for all of the support
   • Karl Markgraf was also there
   • Partner for Barron County campus is interested in exploring new partnerships
   • Our international partnerships are critical
   • Brings additional diversity and a globalization perspective
   • UWEC is ranked 29th in the country among all private and public for those who study abroad
   • CIT partnership alone is sending 56 students in January and next year will send another 54
     • On average students spend 2 ½ or 3 years so by next year will have 130-140 of their students on our campus
     • Revenue is about 3 million
   • Was a good use of time
   • Strategic planning session in Barron County included the community
   • Next week Chancellor will be in Madison to meet with HLC
   • Reflection on the elections
     • Chancellor’s job to work with state government to advocate for us and the communities we serve
     • Chancellor is reaching out to Ever’s staff
• It is a benefit that Evers has already served on the BOR
• Next week Chancellor will advocate for a $25 million investment for capacity building for our institutions
• Encourage you to check out Centennial Hall 1st floor to see the new Cultural Center
• Dec 10th the Carnegie team will be here
• Help support our students during this holiday season as many have stress
• Parking proposal
  • Not enough details in what has been given to us
  • Blugold central has spent the last year trying to assess as it is very complex
  • Have a Chancellor’s roundtable tomorrow and all are welcome to come
  • They are still collecting feedback and no decisions have been made
  • Question that the proposal is not revenue neutral so why are fees going up
    • This policy will make it revenue neutral
  • Concerns noted about GF permits and the availability for those that have off campus obligations
    • Phillips/Davies lot will likely be GF
  • Pertinent to ensure that parking is accessible for faculty/staff and students
  • There are more people who need disabled permits than we have available the campus seems to move their parking further away
    • This is a demographic that needs to be considered
  • Fundamentally there is a structural problem
  • Blugold Central is collecting feedback so submit your ideas
• If we can’t come up with something that works better then we can leave it as it is
• This Friday online course exchange deadline in uwec participating
• No information is known as that would be under the Provost

3) Reports
  a) Report from University Senate Chair Weiher
    • Motions approved: Materials Science Single Major, Elimination of the 8 Materials Science Majors, Actuarial Science Single Major and Elimination of the Actuarial Science Emphasis
    • University Senate Executive Committee Report
      • We discussed the UW System policy discussion regarding automatic program suspension
        • There is unified proposal that has been signed by all but one of the Faculty Reps (co-written by Senator Peterson) that would keep local control of small program eliminations
        • University Senate Executive Committee will discuss and perhaps plan on passing a resolution supporting the proposal and then that motion would come to the University Senate
      • We also discussed whether or not we need an additional official statement or not
        • It may be sufficient for the administration and students to simply support the proposal
        • Chair Weiher welcomes your thoughts and comments, either today or by email or during office hours at his senate office on Monday afternoon
      • The Provost told me that she has been thrilled and impressed with how the faculty and APC have been working to consolidate programs to avoid the low-enrollment label
        • 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. 21st to comment
      • We also briefly discussed parking and the parking proposal that was in the Spectator
        • Vice Chancellor Colom and the Chancellor assured Chair Weiher that this proposal is a work in progress and they are seeking feedback and nothing has been decided
        • The VC has a long history of working on parking and he noted that this is probably the single most emotional issue on most campuses
        • Chair Weiher to meet with him next week to talk about this
      • On Monday at Chancellor’s cabinet meeting we saw a presentation of the proposed plan and we talked about some of the pros and cons of the proposal with parking staff
      • Chair Weiher has asked the Parking Office to meet with the Physical Plant Planning Committee before coming to Senate
• It is the understanding of Chair Weiher that any major change to parking will need to be approved by shared governance
• This afternoon, Chair Weiher was copied on a thoughtful and critical note that Senator Peterson sent to the VC and Blugold Central.
• We provided feedback to the administration on the UWEC Freedom of Expression Procedure/Guideline
  • This was a first draft of policy regarding free speech on campus and it’s aimed at drafting a policy that also addresses problematic/disruptive speakers/events on campus
  • Lots of comments including needed more on what is protected and what is not protected speech

4) Special Orders
  a) Election – Nursing Vacancy on Senate Committee

  University Senate Executive Committee

  Nomination for University Senate Executive Committee (Nursing)
  • Charlotte Sortedahl

Without objection, Charlotte Sortedahl elected to the University Senate Executive Committee

5) Unfinished Business
• None

6) New Business
  a) First Reading: Motion from Academic Policies Committee
     Suspension of Nursing, Accelerated BSN Option, Comprehensive Major

     Debate
     • None

Without objection, we will vote on this today

VOTE on MOTION: PASSED

b) First Reading: Motion from Academic Policies Committee
     Elimination of Latin American Studies, Comprehensive Major – Teaching

     Debate
     • None

Without objection, we will vote on this today

VOTE on MOTION: PASSED

c) First Reading: Motion from Academic Policies Committee
     Elimination of Kinesiology, Sport Pedagogy Emphasis, Comprehensive Major

     Debate
     • None

Without objection, we will vote on this today

VOTE on MOTION: PASSED

d) First Reading: Motion from Academic Policies Committee
     Creation of a Pre-Athletic Training Pre-Professional Program
Debate
• None

Without objection, we will vote on this today

VOTE on MOTION: PASSED

e) For the Record Motion from Academic Policies Committee
Credit-Bearing Certificate in Africana Studies

Debate
• This item is For the Record

Without objection, motion will be entered For the Record

f) First Reading: Resolution – Implementation of Canvas System
• Motion was seconded

Debate
• Concern that this motion does not submit it to System

Amendment to also forward the approved motion to UW System, seconded

Discussion on the amendment
• Barron County agrees with this resolution
• Question on what tools are locked down
  • Scientific notation is not accessible
  • LTS cannot does not have local control
  • UW System wanted it to enable students from any campus to have the same view
  • There would be no additional costs
  • LTS is frustrated as pilots included the controls and what we have now is significantly locked down
  • Many campuses want it supported locally and it is a campus decision to support locally

Vote on the Amendment: PASSED

Continued discussion:
• None

Without objection, we will vote on this today

VOTE on MOTION as AMENDED: PASSED

7) Announcements
• The next University Senate meeting is December 11th in the Dakota Ballroom

Without objection, meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Secretary to the University Senate