

**University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire**  
**University Senate Executive Committee**

Minutes from September 18, 2018  
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Present: Carey Applegate, Dan Gharrity, Holly Hassemer, Bob Hooper, Marquell Johnson, Tamara Johnson, Jen Kieffer, Patricia Kleine, Jill Markgraf, Sean McAleer, Bill Miller, Geoffrey Peterson, Pedro Sottile, Evan Weiher

Absent: Elizabeth Glogowski, Colleen Marchwick, James Schmidt, Tom Storm

A regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Weiher at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 in the Council Oak Room of Davies Center.

- 1) Approval of the Minutes of May 1, 2018 and September 4, 2018
  - May 1, 2018 minutes approved as distributed
  - September 4, 2018 minutes approved as distributed
- 2) Ten Minute Open Forum
  - UWS program elimination and productivity monitoring
    - Low productivity academic programs for elimination
    - Concern from faculty about the draft language regarding “Program productivity monitoring” from UWS
      - Specific Concerns:
        - Faculty are in Chapter 36 given the primary responsibility for academic programs:
          - “faculty .....have the primary responsibility for advising the chancellor regarding academic and educational activities..... “
        - Draft language is not clear about which programs are being monitored but refers to UWS SYS 102 section 6.3.
          - The language in 102 section 6.3 is very explicit about the programs and states “Undergraduate programs offered by more than 50% of all UW institutions are those that are reviewed for degree productivity .... Excluding all world language programs and individually designed programs”.
          - The draft language seems to be written as though all programs are to be reviewed for productivity
          - The draft language seems to circumvent shared governance and states that if “the program still does not meet the criterion, the institution must eliminate the program”
          - Other references in the Draft document seem contrary to UWS policy
          - UWS policies specifically address the steps needed to eliminate a program and the responsibility for program elimination rests firmly with the institutions not UWS
      - Was brought up to the Senate Executive Committee so they could be informed of any future drafts of this UWS document coming forward and that the Chancellor make clear the concerns of UWEC –University Senate members regarding NOT following established shared governance procedures in reviewing academic programs for possible elimination
      - Chair Weiher was asked to keep us informed about any future drafts and to share with Chancellor Schmidt our concerns about how it is currently drafted
      - October 3<sup>rd</sup> the new version should be out
      - Is a system policy, not a regent policy so Ray Cross only needs to sign it
      - Every year UW System does monitor our programs and a report is always given
        - The program array data seemed to work with institution and this language implies different
          - In the 2020UW System Strategic Plan this falls under efficiency
          - If there are competing goals then we point out the value of our programs
    - Barron County Taskforce recommended that we should set aside seats for Barron County on some key committees
      - Chair Weiher to go to the chairs of key committees and ask them to look at their membership language
      - Committees need to be aware that it is hard to work with departments with few people

- The representative should act for what is best for the university and not for a particular constituency
- 3) Review of tentative agenda for September 25, 2018 meeting of the University Senate
- Approved as amended
    - To include an academic staff representatives report
- 4) Announcements
- Discussion on how ways to expand administrator remarks so they could be used to include more updates
    - Comments can be made under announcements as we don't want to be talked at
      - Chair Weiher can communicate with Senate about what announcements are and can work to try and empower committees to take on issues
    - Need to decide what direction we want to go as a governing body
      - Chair Weiher to have office hours
    - We could utilize the Topic of the Day
      - Accessibility issues
      - Visioning session
      - Chair Weiher could ask people what items they would want discussed and we could prioritize the complaints that we already have
      - Barron County now commuting to campus and parking is an issue
      - Need to acknowledge but also look at new things
      - Would be interested in knowing about the shared services with Barron County
      - Concern that morale is low and hearing all the issues might make it worse so it should be thematic topics so it is not overwhelming
        - Not framed as all problems but also for opportunities
    - Many institutions don't meet with the frequencies that we meet
    - New initiatives on campus should be shared
      - Nice to be kept in the loop
      - Administrators could update us during their remarks
- 5) Consultation with the Chancellor/Administration regarding committee appointments to committees including the University Planning Committee and the University Assessment Committee. Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (c) the committee contemplates going into closed session for the purpose of discussion.

**Without objection it was MOVED and seconded that the committee go into closed session under Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (c) for the purposes of discussion on committee appointments.**

**Motion PASSED without objection by Carey Applegate, Dan Gharrity, Holly Hassemer, Bob Hooper, Marquell Johnson, Jen Kieffer, Jill Markgraf, Sean McAleer, Bill Miller, Geoffrey Peterson, Pedro Sottile, and Evan Weiher**

Meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Submitted by,  
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