

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

Minutes from November 6, 2018  
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Present: Carey Applegate, Selika Ducksworth-Lawton, Bob Hooper, Marquell Johnson, Jen Kieffer, Patricia Kleine, Jill Markgraf, Sean McAleer, Bill Miller, Geoffrey Peterson, Pedro Sottile, Evan Weiher

Absent: Albert Colom, Dan Gharrity, Elizabeth Glogowski, John Haven, Tamara Johnson, 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, November 6, 2018 in the Council Oak Room of Davies Center.

- 1) Approval of the Minutes of October 16, 2018
  - Approved as distributed
- 2) Ten Minute Open Forum
  - Draft policy from System on program monitoring
    - Disappointed that System can dictate and eliminate programs
      - This concern was brought to APC today and APC is prepared to initiate a discussion of this
        - Hope to work with the Chancellor and Provost and the Student Senate is also interested in being involved
      - University Senate has curriculum under their scope and it should remain that way
    - Administration is drafting a statement
      - Every year the Provost has to respond about low enrolled programs
        - We have eliminated many small ones and there is only one on the list right now
      - This is being viewed as an efficiency model
        - Important to understand that there are many other system schools that really believe in this as they are not as efficient as we are
          - Is a way to manage enrollment and keep these other campuses alive
        - La Crosse and Eau Claire are opposed but we are in the minority
      - Faculty Representatives are drafting a joint statement then will ask for the endorsements from their Senate and the hope is to have one message
    - Basically System is trying to reduce programs at other campuses to keep them afloat
      - Not always because of competing programs; they just don't have enough students
        - At some point this needs to be addressed
    - As an institution we should continue to fight to retain our local control
    - Timeline for policy to be commented on is December 21<sup>st</sup>
    - If passed the time would be allowed to implement
      - Start it in 2019/2020 then maybe 5 years before it would close a program
        - Might not be an immediate threat but stripping our shared governance is a concern
    - It doesn't impact our graduate programs
    - This draft is different from the original draft
- 3) Review of tentative agenda for November 13, 2018 meeting of the University Senate
  - Approved as distributed
- 4) Announcements
  - None

Meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

Submitted by,  
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