

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

Minutes from November 20, 2018  
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Present: Selika Ducksworth-Lawton, Chip Eckardt, Bob Hooper, Marquell Johnson, Colleen Marchwick, Jill Markgraf, Bill Miller, Geoffrey Peterson, James Schmidt, Pedro Sottile, Evan Weiher

Absent: Carey Applegate, Albert Colom, Dan Gharrity, Elizabeth Glogowski, John Haven, Tamara Johnson, Jen Kieffer, Patricia Kleine, Sean McAleer, Tom Storm

Guests: Mike Rindo, Jake Wrasse

A regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Weiher at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 in the Council Oak Room of Davies Center.

- 1) Approval of the Minutes of November 6, 2018
  - Approved as distributed
- 2) Ten Minute Open Forum
  - Barron County Collegium passed a resolution on the implementation of a new campus platform – CANVAS as they want more campus controls and fewer constraints
    - La Crosse, in particular, piloted the program but at that time they had all the administrative tools and now System locked down the features so many of the tools are not accessible and that is a problem
      - System removed the functions because they wanted everything to be the same and they do not want the campuses to have full administrative control
    - Scientific notation will be backed
    - Fell as though this is a breach of academic freedom
    - We need to give our students more credit as they are able to navigate
    - A motion might be coming forward
  - Curious if there will be any changing of seats on the BOR because of the change in governors
    - There could be a shift in the board in a relatively short period of time due to terms ending and turnover
  - Reexamination of the budget
    - At the December board meeting voting will take place on the compensation request but it is unlikely that we will see a big shift in the previously adopted section
- 3) Review of tentative agenda for November 27, 2018 meeting of the University Senate
  - Approved as amended
    - Addition of New Business: Resolution – Implementation of CANVAS System
- 4) Feedback on UWEC Freedom of Expression Procedure/Guideline
  - Chancellor asked that we begin to develop some procedures
  - The draft is about starting the conversation
  - Under misconduct could use another section on the use of threats
    - People think threats are protected speech
    - What is our response to that threat
    - Regent policy addresses it but we can make it more clear
  - A broad constituency from across campus is who wrote this document
    - Mike Rindo and Jake Wrasse drafted it and now trying to garner feedback
  - This is not a policy but a procedure and guidelines on how to implement or respond
  - A request was made to contact Erik Kasper for his feedback as he has experience with this
  - May want to address the difference between and insult and a threat and what is and is not protected speech
  - Concern mentioned that you can remove a student for freedom of expression but a student that commits a sexually inappropriate action can still remain on campus so we should weigh this policy for how it aligns with other policies for egregious actions

- Regent policy and the notion of ejecting a student comes down to the chancellor
    - The policy appears strong but the chancellor makes the decision
  - Could not currently follow this policy's guidance
  - Concern that the police might not even use this policy then will charge the student with something else
  - It should be rare that we need to use this policy
  - Processes need to be followed to ensure that we can go through our checklist and make sure things are followed as we have to be prepared
  - Challenge in that this doesn't address students and staff feeling safe
  - Under External groups: affiliated is a vague word to use
  - Clubs and organizations could be sited
  - Under misconduct: we don't see University Senate leadership included in the bullet points
  - Paragraph on the last page may be too vague as there are many audiences for this
  - Joint Facilities concern as it was questioned if those areas are considered university
    - Need clarification for joint facilities
  - Questioning if Southworth applies if there is a racially exclusive speaker
    - May need to have a clear understanding with Student Affairs to make sure this doesn't happen as there could be a problem if they were linked to a student group
    - All need to comply with UW System policies
      - Concern noted that Student Affairs think they are separate from university policies as they claim exemption
        - They can't claim exemption from administration
          - Should be clarified where they fall into university activities
- 5) System Policy on Small Degree Programs
- Faculty Reps are working on a letter regarding the small degree programs
    - It outlines the big pieces that are problematic
  - If we want it to be part of system feedback/official public comment then it should be done prior to December 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Waiting on two reps to sign off on this but should have unanimous support on this
    - Don't know if Senate can support something that hasn't been sent in yet but Faculty Rep Peterson will share the draft with Senate so we can consider a resolution
  - Will be shared with University Staff Council and Student Senate as well
- 6) Parking Discussion
- Spectator recently had an article about a new parking policy which prompted this agenda item
  - The parking office didn't respond to our inquiries but VC Colom said that it was a draft proposal and it should not have been shared
  - VC Colom is committed to consulting with us
- 7) Announcements
- None

Meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Submitted by,  
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