A regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Weiher at 3:01 p.m. on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 in the Council Oak Room of Davies Center.

1) Approval of the Minutes of November 20, 2018
   • Approved as distributed

2) Ten Minute Open Forum
   • Small Program Policy Draft Motion/Resolution was presented
     • Was written by the Faculty Representatives
     • Hasn’t been sent yet
     • 4 campuses have already endorsed it
     • The remaining campuses are looking at it this week

Debate on the motion
   • Concern about the second whereas
     • Insert language to say WHEREAS, the Faculty shall have the primary responsibility for advising the chancellor regarding academic and educational activities (WISCONSIN STATUTE 36.09[4]); and

MOTION to AMEND the section to read: WHEREAS, the Faculty shall have the primary responsibility for advising the chancellor regarding academic and educational activities (WISCONSIN STATUTE 36.09[4]); and..., and to forward to the University Senate, seconded

Debate on the amendment
   • None

VOTE on amendment: PASSED

Continued Discussion on Motion as Amended
   • Salaries were tied to tuition so once tuition went down then so did the salaries
     • Many campuses tried to move things into different pots but we are protected more than other of our sister institutions as we have undid all of that
     • Other campuses didn’t handle the cuts well
     • Because the branch campuses were added our goal is to move forward with more enrollment

VOTE on MOTION as amended: PASSED

3) Review of tentative agenda for December 11, 2018 meeting of the University Senate
   • Approved as amended
     • Some motions will be consent agenda items
     • Addition of New Business:
• Resolution on Small Program Closure Policy
• First Reading: Motion from the Faculty Personnel Committee on Post Tenure Review of Department Chairs
• Move item under Reports: For the Record: Academic Policies Committee to Rename Hmong Studies Certificate and Fine Arts Administration Certificate

4) Update on May Commencement
• Recommendations for changes to commencement were given
  • It is too hot and we can’t give out as many tickets as we would like
  • 3 tickets per person are awarded and that is not enough
• Looked at different options
  • Changing venues or changing how many ceremonies we hold
  • Scenario #1 is the one that was agreed upon
    • Colleges would rotate yearly for the time slots
    • Would then allow base tickets of 5 per student and 6 for the December commencement
      • Additional tickets could then still be offered
      • It can be advertised to students that they can request more tickets and tickets are also available at the door
    • NHS pinning ceremony should be done in time
    • Often times the speaker is not germane to the students in front of them so this would allow is to have different speakers for each ceremony
    • This also allows for more faculty to come
    • The colleges can be made aware that more can come
      • Language is in the FASRP will need to be changed
      • Concern that for smaller departments sending 2 faculty is a hardship
  • Suggestion to organize graduates by program instead of alphabetically so the faculty can sit in with the students
    • Would make it more of a celebration
  • This is a great opportunity for us to look at our current processes
  • Suggestion that Academic Staff could also be included
  • Student Senate will also be consulted but the University Senate Executive Committee supports this

5) Academic year calendar Update/Discussion
• Jeff Bria, Interim Registrar was charged with calendars
• The “new” calendars were approved but we have not had a change in any course offerings and thusly have created mayhem
• Senate approved the calendar guidelines so we would need Senate for approval if one would want to change the guidelines
• Field experience offerings have been great with this new calendar
  • Wanted a longer winterim so can offer more experiences
• Students who need to take boards have an issue with how long we go
• One of the calendars wrapped fall semester finals week over a weekend and that is new
• System and institutional policy prohibits some things
• Tourism has has an impact on the start date
• Only run into problems once every 7 years
• Shame that we can’t do a fall break in October
• Other avenues for activities and breaks were discussed

6) Announcements
• None

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Submitted by,
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