

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

Minutes from December 4, 2018
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- Present: Selika Ducksworth-Lawton, Chip Eckardt, Bob Hooper, Marquell Johnson, Jen Kieffer, Patricia Kleine, Colleen Marchwick, Jill Markgraf, Sean McAleer, Bill Miller, Geoffrey Peterson, Pedro Sottile, Evan Weiher
- Absent: Carey Applegate, Albert Colom, Dan Gharrity, Elizabeth Glogowski, John Haven, Tamara Johnson, James Schmidt, Tom Storm
- Guests: Jeff Bria, Deb Lang

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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