The regular meeting of University Senate was called to order by Chair Weiher at 3:04 p.m. on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 in the Dakota Ballroom of Davies Center.

1) Approval of the November 27, 2018 University Senate minutes
   • Approved as distributed

2) Administrator Remarks
   • The Holiday Concert at the Pablo Premiere has been twice sold out
     • It was an amazing concert
   • Monday had the opportunity to hear the Carnegie results and learned to talk more authentically about this institution
   • Chancellor was in Madison this past week
     • For the two year consolidation on bringing the schools together
     • Big work is still ahead of us but the HLC step went exceedingly well
   • BOR meetings last week in La Crosse
     • BOR reaffirmed pay plan
       • 3%/3% plan
     • Because we had tuition freeze their proposal is for the state to fund it
     • Governor elect Evers attended and was pleased in his take on the budget request
     • Toured their newly opened science building and it will be attractive when recruiting
       • We will have an even more inspiring building
   • Exam week next week and the Chancellor will be serving pancakes in the library
     • Has been a remarkably good semester and appreciate your work
   • BOR meeting on proposal for 25 million line items that will be base money (for 20/21 ay) and each campus was asked to submit a proposal for that
     • $1.5 or $1.25 million proposal
     • If localizing the budget that institutions can best figure out how to use the funds
     • Some did advising or retention but we proposed funding for 3 academic programs
       • BSN completion degree in Barron County
• Help support biomedical engineering program start up
• Bioinformatics program

3) Reports
   a) Report from University Senate Chair Weiher
      • Thanks to the Provost for today’s treats
      • Update on Motions
         • From the October 23rd meeting:
            • Senate action concerning Non-University Employment language in the handbook was approved
         • From the November 27th meeting:
            • Elimination: Kinesiology, Sport Pedagogy Emphasis was approved
            • Pre-Athletic Pre-Professional Program was approved
            • Resolution: Implementation of Canvas was Received/acknowledged and forwarded to UW System
            • Elimination of Latin American Studies Major was approved
            • Certificate in Africana Studies was approved
            • Suspension of Nursing, Accelerated BSN Option was approved
      • At the University Senate Executive Committee we discussed the UW System policy regarding automatic program suspension
         • We have a resolution supporting a proposal written by the faculty representatives
         • This will be an item under new business
         • We have until Dec. 21 to comment
      • We discussed a revision to May commencement and Deb Lang provided compelling reasons for having 3 commencement ceremonies in May
         • (too long, too hot, few seats for guests)
         • For May 25, 2019:
            • 9 am: Education & Nursing
            • 1:30 pm: Arts & Sciences
            • 5:30 pm: Business
      • We also discussed the calendar
         • The good the bad and the ugly
            • Good: no class on Wednesday before Thanksgiving
            • Bad: classes not starting until February next semester
            • Ugly: graduation on Memorial Day weekend next semester
      • Fall semester will always be challenging as long as state law prohibits classes starting before Sept. 1
      • Spring could be improved if we went back to a 3 week interim in the 20/21
      • This would require changes in the handbook regarding the calendar guidelines
      • The idea for having 4 week interim (to allow for 4 credit courses) has not been adopted, but at least one department uses the time and finds it to be really helpful
         • So this is a discussion but we'll have to make a decision next semester
      • Parking
         • Last Tuesday Chair Weiher met with Vice Chancellor Colom
            • They discussed parking and he made it very clear that any major change in parking will have to have widespread support
            • Chair Weiher asked the Kate Hinnant, who is chair of Physical Plant Planning Committee, to have the parking office leaders meet with PPC
            • Asked her to consider a resolution in favor of or in opposition to any final proposal from parking
      • Chair Weiher also talked with the Vice Chancellor about efforts toward student retention, especially students of color and other underrepresented groups
His impression was that he does not envision a simple, campus-wide solution for improving retention, but rather the solutions will be specific to departments and programs.

b) For the Record – Academic Policies Committee
   Rename Hmong Studies Certificate and Fine Arts Administration Certificate
   Debate
   • None

Without objection, this item will be entered FOR the RECORD

c) For the Record – Academic Policies Committee
   Credit-Bearing Certificate in Recording Arts
   Debate
   • None

Without objection, this item will be entered FOR the RECORD

4) Unfinished Business
   • None

5) New Business
   a) First Reading: Motion from University Senate Executive Committee
      Resolution on Small Program Closure Policy
      Debate
      • None

Without objection, we will vote on this today

VOTE on MOTION: PASSED

b) First Reading: Motion from Academic Policies Committee
   Create Public Health Major
   Debate
   • Many pros weren’t included but also concern about the premise for the demand as there are many workforce challenges
   • Not sure will reach 120 majors in 5 years
   • We are building a major that is put together with already existing coursework so should be some major specific coursework
   • Since one can elect from their own selection of electives that might not be good
   • Concern about course capacity challenges
   • Talked to all department chairs and they didn’t see that as a concern
   • Possibility of elective courses could grow
   • Department chairs had the capacity and interest
   • Is interdisciplinary and wanted to invite students in from other majors as a complimentary major
   • Already have 41 students in the minor and many are waiting for the major
   • Will do data collection on what courses they do choose
   • Want to see if the electives should be framed based off of that

Without objection, we will vote on this today

VOTE on MOTION: PASSED
c) First Reading: Motion from Academic Policies Committee
Suspension: Theatre Arts Teaching Majors and Minors

Debate
  • Will not jeopardize current students

Without objection, we will vote on this today

VOTE on MOTION: PASSED

d) First Reading: Motion from Academic Policies Committee
Eliminate Music History Major and Art, LA, Art History Emphasis
  • Elimination rather than suspension because DPI requirements do not need this level of extinguishment
  • It makes room for some other changes
  • In regard to loss of Art History is because of low enrollment
    • Art History classes will currently still be offered but may not in the future

Debate
  • None

Without objection, we will vote on this today

VOTE on MOTION: PASSED

e) Motion from Academic Policies Committee
Rename Mathematics, Liberal Arts, Applied/Statistics

Debate
  • None

Without objection, we will vote on this today

VOTE on MOTION: PASSED

f) Motion from Academic Policies Committee
Changes to FASRP, Article Six

Debate
  • None

Without objection, we will vote on this today

VOTE on MOTION: PASSED

g) Motion from Academic Policies Committee
Post-Tenure Review of Department Chairs

Debate
  • None

Without objection, we will vote on this today

VOTE on MOTION: PASSED

6) Announcements
  • The next University Senate meeting is February 12, 2019 in the Woodland Theatre
Without objection, meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Submitted by,

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