

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING
VOLUME 55, NUMBER 7**

December 11, 2018

Members Present:

Jan Adams, Carey Applegate, Robert Bell, Bart Dahl, Chip Eckardt, Jeff Erger, Joel Friederich, Lee Friederich, Gail Hanson Brenner, Ryan Harrison, Jarrod Hines, Bob Hooper, Matt Jewell, Marquell Johnson, Jennifer Johns-Artisensi, Jennifer Kieffer, Bridget Kurtenbach, Cheryl Lapp, Julia Lehman Caldwell, Der-Fa Lu, Ellen Mahaffy, Colleen Marchwick, Jill Markgraf, Sean McAleer, Barbara Meier, Matt Meyer, Bill Miller, Robin Miller, Tamara Miller, Geoffrey Peterson, Nick Phillips, Linda Pratt, Mark Quamme, Barb Ritzinger, Jeanine Rossow, Jim Rybicki, James Schmidt, Alyssa Slaby, Charlotte Sortedahl, Pedro Sottile, Laura Suppes, Evan Weiher

Members Absent:

Jose Alvergue, Heather Amthauer, Rose-Marie Avin, Janice Bogstad, Cynthia Chapek, Lisa Coen, Albert Colom, Selika Ducksworth-Lawton, Josh Engle, Luke Fedie, Wendy Geniusz, Dan Gharrity, Peter Hart-Brinson, John Haven, Tom Hilton, Kate Hinnant, Phil Huelsbeck, Heather Iverson, Dan Janik, Tamara Johnson, Jyl Kelley, Patricia Kleine, Carol Koroghlanian, Leah Olson-McBride, Heather Pearson, Sheryl Poirier, Audrey Robinson, Vicki Samelson, Dan Schumacher, Thomas Storm, Andrew Suraliski, Ka Vang, Bao Vue, Charles Vue, Ryan Weichelt

Guests:

Jeff Bria, Margaret Cassidy, Darrell Newton, Debra Jansen, Mel Kantor

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
 - In the future the order will probably rotate
 - Very important and excellent suggestions were provided by Senator Hooper, who suggested graduation by department / degree program so that the students can sit together and allow the faculty to sit with their students
 - 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 PPPC
 - 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,

Tanya Kenney
Secretary to the University Senate