

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

Minutes from February 19, 2019  
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- Present: Elizabeth Glogowski, John Haven, Bob Hooper, Marquell Johnson, Sean McAleer, Bill Miller, Geoffrey Peterson, Charlotte Sortedahl, Pedro Sottile, Evan Weiher
- Absent: Carey Applegate, Albert Colom, Selika Ducksworth-Lawton, Chip Eckardt, Dan Gharrity, Tamara Johnson, Jen Kieffer, Patricia Kleine, Colleen Marchwick, Jill Markgraf, James Schmidt, Tom Storm
- Guests: Deb Lang, Jen Steinhorst, Kimera Way

A regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Weiher at 3:05 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 in the Council Oak Room of Davies Center.

- 1) Approval of the Minutes of February 5, 2019
  - Approved as amended
  - Members present was amended
- 2) Ten Minute Open Forum
  - H-Drive
    - Heard there is a plan of moving or getting rid of the H-drive and am wondering if this is true
    - Chair Weiher will check into this
- 3) Review of tentative agenda for February 26, 2019 meeting of the University Senate
  - Approved as distributed
  - Nominees will be updated if additional names are submitted
- 4) Presentation on proposed changes to the University Excellence Awards Process
  - It was suggested that a change be made to the process in which people are nominated and chosen due to the addition of the EDI award
    - How the nominations are collected and how the selections are made as we have noticed a continuous decrease in the number of nominations that are made, with the students in particular
  - Would also like to put some more meaning behind some of those awards
  - Looking at consolidating to one committee but no processes have been developed yet
    - Senate could nominate or supply a representative to the working group to make sure their ideas are incorporated
    - Would like a cross section of all the different groups
    - One group could look at the larger number of nominees but use subcommittees to narrow it down
      - Concern about consistency in who is selected
  - Currently Bluview is how students are notified and the Blugold FYI is for faculty and staff however we will likely go back to sending an email to all faculty, staff and students as we want to be more inclusive and consistent
  - Geoff Peterson volunteered to be on the workgroup
  - Previous award recipients could be utilized to help on the committee or a subcommittee
  - Executive Committee is in support of this proposal
- 5) Consultation with administration regarding the search process of a Budget Director working title position
  - Looking at a possible upcoming retirement in May
  - Want it to be an assistant director but will have a working title of director
    - Official title is Senior Budget Planner but working title is Director of Budget and Resource Planning

- This search does not represent any reorganization
- Search committee is to be determined
- The copy provided was a standard job description that was slightly altered
- Requested that VC Haven come back with search committee details and that the committee remain small

6) Announcements

- Barron County
  - We are not subsidizing Barron County Campus
  - VC Haven might come in April to give an update
  - Crosswalk money is being reallocated to the receiving institutions but we are not getting all of it as part of the numbers they have given us include fringes
    - So the numbers aren't really representative of the dollars that we have to spend on Barron County
    - Some of the numbers need to be decomposed
    - Self-sustainability is a two-year plan
  - Governor's budget says we should invest more in county colleges so we might get additional appropriations
    - Hope to have a budget by Thanksgiving and this will be the largest 'ask' that has been put forward
      - Looking at raises and asking for funding in total
    - Commitment for tuition freeze for the next year or two but if they increase the 102 money then we should be ok
    - Differential tuition request not this year but maybe next
      - It still all contributes to student debt so people are freaking out
  - Winterim numbers are not in
    - Would be a good revenue source
    - VC Haven was encouraged to get those stats as questions will be asked surrounding that

Meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

Submitted by,  
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Secretary of the University Senate