

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING
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Members Present:

Robert Bell, Janice Bogstad, Bart Dahl, Selika Ducksworth-Lawton, Steve Fink, Joel Friederich, Lee Friederich, Wendy Geniusz, Gail Hanson Brenner, Ryan Harrison, Jarrod Hines, Kate Hinnant, Bob Hooper, Phil Huelsbeck, Heather Iverson, Dan Janik, Marquell Johnson, Jennifer Johns-Artisensi, Jyl Kelley, Bridget Kurtenbach, Cheryl Lapp, Der-Fa Lu, Ellen Mahaffy, Colleen Marchwick, Jill Markgraf, Sean McAleer, Barbara Meier, Robin Miller, Tamara Miller, Heather Pearson, Geoffrey Peterson, Nick Phillips, Linda Pratt, Mark Quamme, Barb Ritzinger, James Schmidt, Alyssa Slaby, Charlotte Sortedahl, Pedro Sottile, Thomas Storm, Laura Suppes, Andrew Suraliski, Ka Vang, Charles Vue, Ryan Weichert, Evan Weiher

Members Absent:

Jan Adams, Jose Alvergue, Heather Amthauer, Carey Applegate, Rose-Marie Avin, Cynthia Chapek, Lisa Coen, Albert Colom, Chip Eckardt, Josh Engle, Jeff Erger, Luke Fedie, Dan Gharrity, Liz Glogowski, Peter Hart-Brinson, John Haven, Tom Hilton, Tamara Johnson, Patricia Kleine, Carol Koroghlanian, Julia Lehman Caldwell, Bill Miller, Leah Olson-McBride, Sheryl Poirier, Audrey Robinson, Jeanine Rossow, Jim Rybicki, Vicki Samelson, Dan Schumacher, Bao Vue

Guests:

Margaret Cassidy, Debra Jansen, Darrell Newton, Jean Pratt

The regular meeting of University Senate was called to order by Chair Weiher at 3:05 p.m. on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 in the Dakota Ballroom of Davies Center.

- 1) Approval of the December 11, 2018 University Senate minutes
 - Approved as distributed
- 2) Administrator Remarks
 - Chancellor Schmidt just left a news conference where the new football coach was announced
 - Former Maryland offensive assistant Wesley Beschoner was named the next head coach
 - We have over 700 intercollegiate sports athletes and the new coach will discover the quality of our athletes
 - Our athletics help us meet our broader diversity goals
 - We are better able retain them while they also exceed our 4-year graduation rate
 - Is an advantage for our academic and enrollment goals
 - Members of the State Building Commission are here today visiting the Phillips Science building
 - The new science building has an estimated cost of \$256 million
 - Chippewa Valley Business Community Rally has the new science building as one of the 3 top priorities
 - Governor Evers recently included this in a recent speech and Tommy Thompson, former governor, also talks about our science building and has agreed to be the chief volunteer lobbyist in Madison
 - The new building will position the university well for several decades
 - Chancellor Schmidt is taking his son on college tours
 - First-hand look at how competitive higher education is so how we talk about ourselves is very important
 - Chancellor Schmidt is encouraging conversation to how best to talk about each department
 - The Enrollment Management Division has things planned for this spring to help with this

- Governor announced the Higher Education budget and Chancellor Schmidt is very optimistic as he recommended more than UW System asked
- Comments and questions
 - Request for a general picture of our flow of resources
 - Differential tuition
 - This was cut out of the budget and hopefully we can get that back moving forward as the students approved it

3) Reports

a) Report from University Senate Chair Weiher

- From the November 27th meeting:
 - A certificate in Africana Studies in the History Dept. was approved
- From the December 11th meeting:
 - A 36-credit major in Public Health was approved
 - A certificate in Recording Arts in the Music and Theatre Arts Dept. was approved
 - The following program name changes were approved:
 - Mathematics, Statistics, and Applied Mathematics Emphasis
 - Critical Hmong Studies Certificate and Arts Administration Certificate
 - The suspension of three Theatre Arts Teaching Majors and Minors was approved
 - The elimination of both the Art History Emphasis major and the Music History Comprehensive major were approved
 - Language changes to the FASRP, article 6, was approved
- Our resolution on Small Program Closure Policy was submitted to the appropriate UW-System website and a hardcopy was mailed to UW-System President Ray Cross
- Chair Weiher participated in the Chancellor's Cabinet, Senate Executive Committee, the University Planning Committee, and the University Senate Leadership meeting
 - At Chancellor's Cabinet we talked about the Barron County Campus planning activities for this year: themes included more experiential learning, enhancing connections with the public, and increasing student enrollment
 - We also talked with the Chancellor about the resignations in the Admissions Office
 - The Chancellor also made a case for concern about admissions because to fill the freshman class, admissions has been accepting a greater proportion of applicants and this has also decreased average ACT scores, these two things have caused our rankings to continue to slip
 - He stated that we can continue to slip, or we can downsize the campus at considerable pain, or we can actively use new approaches and out-of-state marketing to improve recruitment
 - Then VC Colom outlined nearly a dozen initiatives and new approaches for doing this
 - At senate Exec. we had a joint meeting the exec. teams of student senate and university staff council
 - VC Colom explained some reorganization planned for Blugold Central (he's removing a layer of upper management) and some changes in Admissions
 - 2 communications specialists in admissions will move to IMC
 - He also went into a little greater detail about the new approach to admissions
- Last week at senate exec. we talked about changes in the University Excellence Award process with Deb Lang and Kim Way
- They'd like to have a more standard process across the awards. Exec. supported their ideas.
- We also consulted with VC Haven about the search process for a new Budget Director
 - He also tentatively confirmed news I got from the chancellor that funding for the Barron County campus looks to be sufficient this year
 - He will have a better idea in April, at which point we'll ask him to senate for a report
- Senator Markgraf suggested we need clearer policies on staffing during winter storms
- Chair Weiher spoke with the Chancellor & Provost and they agreed to work with unit directors to have clear policies for winter storms and essential staffing

- b) Faculty Representatives Report – Senator Peterson
 - None
- c) For the Record – Academic Policies Committee
 - Certificate in Anthropology
 - Debate
 - None

Without objection, this item will be entered FOR the RECORD

- d) For the Record – Academic Policies Committee
 - Certificate in Digital Marketing Analytics
 - Debate
 - They must pass an exam at the end to see their level of retention

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- e) HLC Update
 - Handout was provided that has key dates and active links listed
 - Need syllabi for courses and supporting documents
 - HLC is requesting that we provide them with abbreviated CV's for Faculty and Administrative and Academic Staff
- 4) Special Orders
- 5) Elections – Election for University Senate Vice-Chair-elect, Academic Staff Representative and University Senate Academic Policies Committee – NHS vacancy

University Senate Vice-Chair elect: Must be elected from among the current academic staff members of the University Senate

Term: 2-year term, taking office July 1st and will serve on the Executive Committee

Report of the University-wide Nominating Committee

**Nominees: Robert Bell, American Indian Studies
Chip Eckardt, LTS**

{Election of the Vice-Chair elect will be held on March 12th, 2019 due to a balloting error}

Academic Staff Representative to UW System: Must be academic staff and serve on the University Senate

The term of the Academic Staff Rep is to begin immediately upon election. The term of Academic Staff Representative is to expire June 30, 2020 and they will also be the chair of Academic Staff Personnel Committee and member of the Executive Committee

Report of the University-wide Nominating Committee

Nominees: None

Nominations from the floor: None

Academic Policies Committee

Continuing members:

Marquell Johnson, Kinesiology, EHS
Bill Miller, Accounting, BUS
Bob Hooper, Geology, A&S
Carey Applegate, English, A&S
Vicky Samelson, Comm. Sci. & Disorders, EHS
Janice Bogstad, Library
Joel Friederich, English, Barron County
Selika Ducksworth-Lawton, History, A&S
Hans Kischel, Library

1 Vacancy for a NHS University Faculty Senator
Term until 2021
Must be from the College of NHS
This committee meets Tuesdays from 2-3 p.m.

Report of the University-wide Nominating Committee

Nominees:

College of Nursing: Der-Fa Lu, Nursing

Nominations from the floor: None

Elected to Academic Policies Committee: Der-Fa Lu

6) New Business

a) First Reading: Motion from Academic Policies Committee
Elimination of Music Piano Emphases

Debate

- None

Without objection, we will vote on this today

VOTE on MOTION: PASSED

7) Announcements

- The next University Senate meeting is March 12, 2019 in the Dakota Ballroom of Davies Center

Without objection, meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tanya Kenney
Secretary to the University Senate