

University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire
University Senate Executive Committee

Minutes from April 30, 2019
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Present: Robert Bell, Selika Ducksworth-Lawton, Chip Eckardt, Elizabeth Glogowski, Bob Hooper, Marquell Johnson, Patricia Kleine, Jill Markgraf, Sean McAleer, Bill Miller, Pedro Sottile, Evan Weiher

Absent: Albert Colom, John Haven, Tamara Johnson, Colleen Marchwick, Geoffrey Peterson, James Schmidt, Charlotte Sortedahl, Tom Storm

Guest: Kim O’Kelly

A meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Weiher at 3:03 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 in the Ho-Chunk Room of Davies Center.

- 1) Approval of the Minutes of April 16, 2019
 - Approved as distributed
- 2) Ten Minute Open Forum
 - Snacks will be provided for our last Senate meeting by the Provost
 - Shared Services model
 - Another name for how many administrators will go from being in UW Colleges to UW Administrative Services
 - It was thought that because of the restructuring they wouldn’t save expenses but if the people, like the regional comprehensives, shared services, such as regional LTS for example or regional purchasing, then of the regional comprehensives who received a college could form a customer council
 - The council is designed to determine if the ideas presented are liked and to see if we think they might be cost saving
 - Is a way to cut our costs
 - Other campuses are part of the restructuring team
 - No decisions have yet been made
 - Campuses can opt in or opt out
 - If it is mandatory, then we would have to find out if System would fund it or if we would be responsible for the funding of it
 - Users have not been included and this is problematic
 - Purchasing should not be that difficult
 - Oshkosh incident
 - It could happen at our campus
 - Chancellor Schmidt said that he would remove students from our campus
 - The implementation of the ASK Center was to get away from silos and it should work from the common good
 - Seems like we are shifting back to siloing instead of a unified model
 - We are getting local implementation of rules
 - We are drastically different that UW Stout or UW River Falls
 - We make our own rules and are more restrictive than other campuses
 - We need to streamline our travel services
 - Ask Center needs to be held accountable
 - Many people that we ask to manage have no training and we need to do something about how to pay our staff
 - Many are feminized professions
 - Need some better training for people who are coming in to manage our departments
 - New additions to the BOR from Governor Evers appointees
 - Viewed as a positive step

3) Academic Year Calendars

- Thank you for your work on the calendars
- From a student/faculty perspective it is concerning how finals week is getting broken up
- Start day can be before Labor Day but it can't be before the first
- Reason for finals on the 14th in the 21-22 calendar is to uphold the 70 days of instructional plus 5 of finals
- Up until last year we had a contract day the day before Thanksgiving
- Contract days do not require contact
- 14th should be turned gray
 - Should check to see if we remove the day if we will not meet the minutes required
- Concern that every time we look at the calendar we are shortening the contact hours
 - It is not fair to our students
- We could leave the 14th and let the faculty figure out how to deal with that day
- Should advocate to have the start date be able to start prior to the 1st
- We are one of the last schools to be done so it impacts students in internships and jobs
 - This new calendar gets us out a week earlier
- If we use this model for this year then we would have been out a week earlier
- This model is a 3 ½ winterim but where new years fell it impacted the calendar
- Once it is published (this year and next year) we do not change the calendar
- Provost will double check that 39 weeks as to why the contract started so early in August for 20-21 academic year
- We should have 7 years published according to the FASRP but it is not practical
- Consensus that these calendars are good

4) Announcements

- On May 10th at 1 p.m. Chair Weiher is supposed to meet with VC Haven about the printing stuff so if anyone wants to join please let Chair Weiher know
 - It was requested that it be asked if EO Johnson was the only consult because if so it is felt that it should also go out to other competitive bidding
 - What information are we using to determine to do this printing proposal
 - What faculty constraints did they use and questioning whether or not they understand as the faculty needs are different than office staff
 - Wondering who is "over-printered"
 - Should talk to those who are and ask what they can do to become more responsible
 - Administration put the cart in front of the horse
 - Didn't ask faculty/staff
 - Is bias as they are looking at the inefficient ones instead of the efficient ones

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Submitted by,
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