Members Present:

Members Absent:
Jan Adams, Jose Alvergue Heather Amthauer, Cynthia Chapek, Lisa Coen, Albert Colom, Josh Engle, Jeff Erger, Luke Fedie, Kent Gerberich, Gail Hanson Brenner, Peter Hart-Brinson, John Haven, Dan Janik, Tamara Johnson, Patricia Kleine, Bridget Kurtenbach, Barbara Meier, Leah Olson-McBride, Audrey Robinson, James Schmidt, Dan Schumacher, Ka Yang, Charles Vue

Guests:
Margaret Cassidy, Darrell Newton, Jean Pratt

The regular meeting of University Senate was called to order by Chair Weiher at 3:05 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 in the Dakota Ballroom of Davies Center.

1) Approval of the March 19, 2019 University Senate minutes
   • Approved as distributed

2) Administrator Remarks
   • None

3) Reports
   a) Report from University Senate Chair Weiher
      • The following items were approved:
        • Elimination of Undergraduate Athletic Training
        • Addition of 9 locations for Study Abroad
        • Changes to Post Tenure Review and 2019-2021 Compensation Plan
      • At the University Senate Executive Committee Meeting:
        • We met with Provost Kleine on the Academic Year Calendars
          • Next year’s academic year calendar is set but we have none after that
        • This is a concern because according to our FASRP we are supposed to have at least 7 years out there
• Length of Winterim; costs and benefits of 4 weeks; faculty support 4 weeks
  • This year’s late start due to waiting almost a full week to start on Monday
  Provost Kleine is looking into flexibility and will meet with the Executive Committee again
  next week to discuss

• Chair Weiher went to the printing meeting last week with the chairs and it was ugly
  • The current plan requires you to go to a shared printer then go to the printer for your print
    job to wait until you swipe your card
  • The plan would also allow students to access any printer
  • Chair Weiher learned that they did this at Northern Illinois University and after the plan
    was instituted, faculty were given a printing ration and the couldn’t print once they printed
    their allocation/ration
  • Chair Weiher has drafted a very sharp email to the chancellor and needs to send it
  • VC Haven is at a meeting on the Emergency Notification System and the meeting is
    scheduled from 2:30-4 and so we will likely go into recess until he arrives

• Calendar concern mentioned that students have lost out on internship opportunities and lost
  jobs because we get out so late

• Printer issue concern
  • Concern about using color and keeping things confidential
    • You can’t print until you swipe then you can also at that time put in your colored paper
  • University would just supply the white paper
  • Chancellor seems to by saying things that are different than what is being said at those
    meetings

b) Faculty Representatives Report
• Update on the Small Program Review and Elimination Policy appears to be dead
  • Keep rolling it back and now can’t put it out for review until September
  • Looks like we will essentially e going back to the old policy

b) Barron County Strategic Plan
• Presented by Abby Fisher
• Handout previously provided
• The process was collaborative
• Chancellor asked Barron County to lay out their five-year plan
  • It should fit neatly into the Eau Claire plan
• Barron County has 3 pillars
  • Serving our students better
  • Serving our community better
  • Becoming financially sustainable
• In the next 6-9 months will work on Academic Master Plan(s)
• Questioning why Barron County is not often mentioned when connecting with the community
  • The other local college puts out publications/magazines and they have more money and
    can advertise
• Associates Degree requires all students have 30 hours of Service Learning
• Question on why holistically was mentioned when talking about Student Support
  • Holistic is meant to be that our students have lives, hopes and dreams
    • Helping them academically and with life outside of the classroom
  • The goal is to keep them coming to class
    • Foundation has stop gap measures to help with that
    • Also have a food shelf for the students
  • What does life look like for them after Barron County
• Course delivery
  • Will offer as much face-to-face as we can but only have 10 tenure track faculty
Online has been an important component
Collaborative Associates Degree online is being looked at right now
Interactive television is used at Barron County

d) Budget and Printing Update
Finances at Barron County
No matter what happens at Barron County for this current fiscal year all is being mitigated by System
FY 20 is the second year of the mitigated grace year so we have two years to get them financially set
VC Haven feels good about how they are going to bring enrollment in and develop programs
Looking at how we support them for them to be financially responsible
Many things got eliminated so freed up $1.5 million
Now that the colleges are gone what do we need to pay and what is the new net GPR to figure out what is available to spend on Barron’s behalf to help them be successful
Asked all the VC’s what capacity they need to address concerns and will meet soon to discuss
Looks like we can address all the FTE positions and plug the deficit
Students at Barron County are on our Barnes and Noble contract
We have money set aside to handle to costs of converting
The Bookstore position is protected
Money set aside for library support and IT infrastructure
Still have about $150,000 cushion to do all that
Doesn’t sound like much but Barron County’s entire budget is $1.2 million
Additional marketing money was also provided
Have a year to try to operationalize the strategic plan
Will try to build a Barron County reserve to make a claim for additional funds
Library support
Worked for a couple of months with Mike Carney to have publications and subscriptions
Will have to go the Chancellor then to Barron County before funding is presented
$1.5 million will hopefully continue to receive that
Hard to determine what the actual expenses were at Barron County as colleges did things in lump sums
Concern that existing units may take on work for Barron County and questioning if we will get staff then to support that
VC’s have been asked to put forward areas of concern as it will be specific to each area

Printing
Apologize for how this was rolled out
Has been in the works for two years when Chancellor asked VC Haven to look at the numbers
VC Haven didn’t realize that it hadn’t yet been properly socialized
VC Haven’s intention is to communicate and wants to do this but what it looks like in every workplace hasn’t been defined yet
IT needs to analyze every workspace to know what the solution is
Department concerns about confidentiality
Craig Ernst meeting with people and departments
It should be a mutually agreed upon solution
Concern about access when working in a secured area
LTS is basically taking over the printers
On a cost per click basis the ink is cheaper
Duplex printing will save paper
• Energy savings will save over $10,000 per year
• Printing Services will continue to exist
• Epson high resolution printers for photography is a unique instance so we may need to figure out how to keep and support that
• Concern as this proposal is not an efficient use of time
• Questioning if things are streamlined, then do we still have to switch over
• Comment that we appreciate the focus on sustainability but supporting practices that don’t make it quite so practical to print is not saving
• Device rich departments/units would be more easily transitioned
• Students test piloted many of these

4) New Business

a) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee

New Comprehensive Major: Biomedical Engineering
• Intent is for it to move forward but we have 5 years to act on this if passed
• Tuition structure as once the student is a junior and senior then tuition is an extra $700 per semester
  • Is a trend and is standard across System
• Goal is to be accredited by ABET
• (BME) acronym will not be utilized as it is spelled out in all official documents
• 93 credit degree will take about 4 years, but it is enthusiastic
  • Is a very popular major at UW Madison
  • Is an engineering degree
  • Ability if students no longer want to pursue then the coursework comes back to the sciences, so they still have options
• Additional faculty must be approved in the new budget
  • We couldn’t move forward if we do not get the funds

Debate

Without objection the implementation date to be changed to 20-21

• Feedback from other UW campuses was solicited but only heard back from Stevens Point
  • They went the mechanical engineering route
  • The campuses had 2-3 weeks to reply

VOTE on MOTION: PASSED

b) First Reading: Motion from the University Assessment Committee

University Assessment Committee Membership

Debate
• No difficulty filling the 15-member slot

VOTE on MOTION: POSTPONED until next meeting

c) Resolution from Senator Hooper

Resolution on the Recent Printing Proposal
The following Resolution was presented from the floor and seconded

Resolution for Senate:

The University Senate appreciates the efforts to support sustainable operations and to save money, but the University Senate is opposed to the current plan to outsource printing on campus to a private vendor and limit faculty and staff choices for printing at UW Eau Claire.

My Rationale:

1. I do not believe that centralized printing operations that are contracted with an external vendor will save either money or trees.

2. The current proposal does not value the extra faculty and staff time required to print at a remote location nor does it recognize that many units already have adopted efficient sharing of print resources.

3. The process used to develop the current proposal was not inclusive and respectful of the shared responsibility we all have for maintaining the academic enterprise on this campus.

If passed this resolution should be forwarded directly to the Chancellor and his executive staff.

Debate

- If a sustainable process is what is wanted then it would be better to have it done in a data driven way

VOTE: POSTPONED

5) Announcements

- The next University Senate meeting is May 14, 2019 in the Dakota Ballroom of Davies Center

Without objection, meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Submitted by,

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