

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

Minutes from October 15, 2019
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Present: Jasmine Case, Elizabeth Glogowski, Bob Hooper, John Mann, Colleen Marchwick, Jill Markgraf, Bill Miller, Geoffrey Peterson, Kristin Schaupp, James Schmidt, Charlotte Sortedahl, Pedro Sottile, Ka Vang, Ryan Weichelt, Evan Weiher

Absent: Robert Bell, Albert Colom, Chip Eckardt, John Haven, Marquell Johnson, Patricia Kleine

Guests: MJ Brukart

A meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Weiher at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 in the Council Oak Room of Davies Center.

- 1) Approval of the Minutes of October 1, 2019
 - Approved as distributed
- 2) Ten Minute Open Forum
 - Welcoming of the new Executive Committee members
 - Calendars are on the Records and Registration website
- 3) Review of tentative agenda for October 15, 2019 meeting of the University Senate
 - Approved as amended
 - Addition of New Business
 - First Reading: Motion from Faculty Personnel Committee: Changes in Functional Equivalent Language
 - Addition of Report
 - Adaptive Music Certificate
- 4) University Planning Committee Membership
 - Pros and cons of both options were heard
 - Option 2 doesn't work as the "extra" people are not listed as non-voting
 - It also states that 5 must have faculty status so that means that they could all be IAS and we would have no straight faculty
 - Some areas are underrepresented so Option 2 opens the door for them to be heard
 - Everyone will have an equal opportunity to be appointed
 - Option 1 is more favorable as appearances matter and it gives a voice from all over campus
 - Important that is made up of a variety of members
 - Option 1 ensures fair representation
 - This changes the role of Senate Executive Committee as it puts the onus on them
 - We serve to provide the advice for those that are going to represent to ensure that voices from across campus are heard
 - Executive Committee only provides feedback, but it is the Chancellors call on who is selected
 - Questioning what the divisions are as listed in Option 1
 - This language should be removed
 - Option 2 doesn't solve the problem as presented with representation from Barron County
 - Library is always left out of representation
 - Like that flexibility of people thinking globally and it is more inclusive so support Option 2
 - To be brought back at a later time
- 5) Frozen Files
 - The new HR System does not use vote codes

- Vote code 2 was created based on their contract
 - The decrease in faculty may be due to this change
- Recommend that we do nothing to the Senate membership

MOVED to keep the Senate numbers as they currently are, seconded

Debate

- APAS would rather that their voices be heard
- A combined Senate has been working well
- If we are not confident in these numbers, then we should not make changes

VOTE on MOTION to keep the Senate numbers as they currently are: PASSED

6) Honorary Degree Discussion

- Should require a second meeting when discussing an Honorary Degree
- If changes are made then this should be run by System/System Legal
 - The rules are very strict
- You are supposed to have time to think about it
 - Executive Committee is supposed to do due diligence so 2 readings would be a good idea
- System policy says that
 - The nomination and review process is confidential. No disclosure is to be made until after Board of Regents review and the institution's subsequent invitation to the nominee.
 - Each UW institution that nominates candidates for honorary doctorates shall have an honorary degree committee that recommends candidates for honorary degrees consistent with procedures, policies, and criteria developed at each institution and consistent with this Regent Policy Document.
 - At least two months prior to the commencement ceremony at which an honorary degree is to be conferred, and at least three weeks prior to a regularly-scheduled Board of Regents meeting, the UW institution shall forward to the Executive Director and Corporate Secretary of the Board of Regents: (1) a letter from the chancellor indicating the name of the nominee(s) and expressing the chancellor's approval; (2) the curriculum vitae or résumé of the nominee(s); and (3) letters of recommendation and other documentation of the contributions of the nominee and the merits of the nominee as an honorary degree recipient. It is the responsibility of the UW institution to exercise due diligence in ensuring that a nominee is of high moral character.
- From FASRP (Section A – University Senate Committees, p. 30, 16th ed. Jan. 2019)
 - The executive committee along with UW System president (as per motion 09/2009) shall serve as the UW-Eau Claire Honorary Degree Committee
- From US Minutes 9/8/2009
 - Motion 46-SE-01 That the University Senate Executive Committee, along with the President of the University of Wisconsin System as an ex officio member, serve as UW-Eau Claire's Honorary Degree Committee. The Committee's procedures and actions shall be consistent with Unclassified Personnel Guideline 11 (no longer operational: <https://www.wisconsin.edu/ohrwd/policies/upg/>)
- It was proposed that if the Senate Executive Committee is to exercise due diligence in ensuring that a nominee is of high moral character, the Committee needs advance notification of nominees and time to exercise due diligence
 - Establish rule that gives Senate Executive committee two weeks between nomination and vote to allow time for exercising due diligence.
- Chair Weiher to work on language so if you have input please contact Chair Weiher

7) 5th Tuesday (October 29th)

MOVED that we do not meet on October 29th, seconded

Debate

- Provost asked that we have a meeting so we can check with her
- Seems like we have many issues that could be discussed as a campus
 - Open access or open educational resources
- This is our only available 5th Tuesday this academic year

VOTE on MOTION to not have a meeting: PASSED

8) Announcements

- Chair Weiher wanted a fall festival and an effigy
 - We would then use alternative teaching
 - The Fire department was contacted but the date they gave us for a bonfire was not conducive to our schedule/climate

Meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Submitted by,
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Secretary of the University Senate