A meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Weiher at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 in the Council Oak Room of Davies Center.

1) Approval of the Minutes of October 15, 2019
   - Approved as distributed

2) Ten Minute Open Forum
   - Hibbard Penthouse
     - Concern that a student organization would like to take over the Hibbard Penthouse
     - Faculty would like an alternative place to be found
     - None of the chairs were consulted
     - No conversations were had in the departments
     - The space is currently used for award ceremonies, as a faculty lounge, ADA’s eat lunch there, instruction, student organizations, host visitors and etc.
     - Concern that that organization may not even want to be there as it is so distant from central campus
     - It was promised to them that it was a shared space
     - Questioning who monitors the usage of that space
     - Maybe the system that they are using is not being utilized correctly
     - Used the reservation system and found that it wasn’t used that often
     - Is the only sink available in Hibbard
     - Maybe another designated space that is acceptable can be found
     - The space may be bigger than other spaces that students are given
     - We should be mindful of the new science building and trying to incorporate student spaces into that area
   - On Friday a search committee was announced to replace Ray Cross
     - The consistency of that search committee was announced and is a direct contradiction to the last searches
     - People are outraged so 7 campuses are considering motions in opposition on this
     - No faculty, academic staff or university staff are on the committee
     - Since the Regents and the Governor make the final decision it is unknown why they bypassed the old process
     - This is a slightly altered version of the resolution that is being circulated
     - We need to register our displeasure

MOTION to suspend the rules to vote to put this on the University Senate agenda for next week, seconded

VOTE: PASSED

3) Review of tentative agenda for November 12, 2019 meeting of the University Senate
   - Approved as amended
     - Addition of New Business
• First Reading: Motion from APC on FASRP Decision-Making Table
• Resolution: UW System Presidential Search & Screen

4) Honorary Degree Discussion
• Due diligence and having time to think about it should be the focus when presenting to Senate
• The high moral character piece is part of System mandate
• A two-week timeframe would be more inclusive as to not omit people due to scheduling errors
• Might be useful to include a link to System policy that guides the discussion
  • Referencing this policy is important
• Questioning if it was indeed a personnel matter
• Going into closed session was questioned
  • Senator Peterson to consult with other campuses to see how they post their Honorary Degrees
• To protect the people that serve on this committee because it felt like they were blindsided with what happened
  • Need to slow the process down
• Language on the motion will be altered and brought back for continued discussion

5) Service-Learning Discussion
• Is housed in ARCC
• While we hold the academic requirement, the implementation of that policy is being written by ARCC
• The advisory committee isn’t doing much besides being told what will be happening
• Concern that the academic requirement is not housed in an academic unit
• Academic Master Plan and Civic Engagement
  • Civic Engagement
    • Instead of service-learning being a tick box we would move towards civic engagement
    • Students are working with patients after the doctor sees them
      • Marshfield Clinic loved it so it is now in all their spaces
    • Service learning was connected to Career Services so that is why it is housed in ARCC
    • Will have discussions around that this year
    • As a university we most closely aligned with civic engagement
    • Oversight is done by faculty
      • If service learning is done by ARCC and this is a concern, then maybe this would solve the concern of the oversight since faculty would do this

6) Announcements
• None

Meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Submitted by,
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