

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

Jose Alvergue, Jim Boulter, Wayne Carroll, Jasmine Case, Bart Dahl, Chip Eckardt, Joel Friederich, Wendy Geniusz, Kent Gerberich, Liz Glogowski, Gail Hanson Brenner, Ryan Harrison, Peter Hart-Brinson, Dan Herman, Tom Hilton, Jarrod Hines, Kate Hinnant, Bob Hooper, Phil Huelsbeck, Heather Iverson, Marquell Johnson, Jennifer Johns-Artisensi, Jyl Kelley, Bridget Kurtenbach, Cheryl Lapp, Der-Fa Lu, Ellen Mahaffy, John Mann, Colleen Marchwick, Jill Markgraf, Barbara Meier, Bill Miller, Robin Miller, Tamara Miller, Dave Nesvacil, Geoffrey Peterson, Nick Phillips, Linda Pratt, Barb Ritzinger, Jonathon Rylander, Kristin Schaupp, James Schmidt, Alyssa Slaby, Charlotte Sortedahl, Pedro Sottile, Andrew Suralski, Charles Vue, Isabel Walters Ryan Weichelt, Evan Weiher, Katie Wilson

Members Absent:

Jan Adams, Heather Amthauer, Robert Bell, Lisa Coen, Albert Colom, Jeff Erger, John Haven, Chris Jones, Pat Kleine, Carol Koroghlanian, Leah Olson-McBride, Sheryl Poirier, Audrey Robinson, Jim Rybicki, Vicki Samelson, Dan Schumacher, Ka Vang

Guests:

Margaret Cassidy, Debra Jansen, Darrell Newton, Jim Phillips, Jill Prushiek

A rescheduled meeting of the University Senate was called to order by Chair Weiher at 3:07 p.m. on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 in Ojibwe C of Davies Center.

- 1) Approval of the November 12, 2019 University Senate minutes
 - Approved as distributed
- 2) Administrator Remarks
 - Chancellor sent out a call to create a Rapid Action Taskforce for EDI
 - We cannot afford to wait
 - Meant to bring together everyone's best decision-making/thinking
 - Also announced a larger 4 ½-5-year vision
 - Will be vetted through shared governance
 - Ask that you only volunteer for one of the two committees
 - Rapid Action Taskforce will look at what can be done this year where the other will work through the summer
 - Encourage you to nominate yourself or others
 - Still working through the sanctions process from the recent incident that happened
- 3) Reports
 - a) Report from University Senate Chair Weiher
 - Last Tuesday a lively two-hour special meeting of the Faculty was held where we discussed policies involved in handling bias incidents on this campus
 - Chair Weiher had the privilege of moderating the meeting
 - It was a very helpful meeting
 - As a result, the Faculty and Academic Staff Personnel committees are working on a motion which will be brought forward to Senate
 - Is a new updated version of the two that had previously been circulated

4) Unfinished Business

5) New Business

- a) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee
Proposal for Department of Special Education Rename and New Course Prefixes

Debate

- None

Without objection, we will vote on this today

VOTE on MOTION: PASSED

- b) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee
Proposal for Music, Instrumental and General Music Teaching, Comprehensive Major Rename
[code 060-057]

Debate

- None

Without objection, we will vote on this today

VOTE on MOTION: PASSED

- c) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee
Proposal for Music, Choral and General Music, Comprehensive Major -Teaching Rename [code
060-058]

Debate

- None

Without objection, we will vote on this today

VOTE on MOTION: PASSED

- d) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee
Proposal for Social Studies, Broadfield Teaching History Emphasis, Comprehensive Major
Rename [code 500-020]

Debate

- None

Without objection, we will vote on this today

VOTE on MOTION: PASSED

- e) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee
Proposal for English, Comprehensive Major –Teaching Rename [code 540-006]

Debate

- None

Without objection, we will vote on this today

VOTE on MOTION: PASSED

- f) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee
Proposal for Department of Chemistry Rename

Debate

- None

Without objection, we will vote on this today

VOTE on MOTION: PASSED

- g) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee
Proposal for Latin American Studies Renames

Debate

- None

Without objection, we will vote on this today

VOTE on MOTION: PASSED

- h) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee
Proposal for New Course Prefix UW System Collaborative Online Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree

- Will serve as the prefix for the courses
- Concern that we are building a prefix for something that hasn't been approved yet

Debate

- None

Without objection, we will wait to vote on this until the next motion is read

VOTE on MOTION: POSTPONED

- i) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee
Proposal for Creation of UW System Collaborative Online Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree

- **Motion was amended to reflect that it was a creation of a 60-credit major, not 43-credit**
- Language states: "Generally accepted by" and not "is" for possible transfer so how do we know if this degree would fill the LE core here at UWEC
 - Is the understanding that it would fulfill our core and could go directly into their program
- Barron participates in this state-wide program and Barron was succeeding
 - We believed in it as the WI IDEA
 - Many teach this as regular parts of their load in this online program
 - This went away when the colleges went away so this will bring it back
 - It would be a disaster if we would not have this program
- This is a generalized A&S degree
- Commuters and adults like this as they can later transfer
- The students will be enrolled for where they select their degree to be conferred from
 - UW Colleges online was a one stop shop but when they changed the students had to select a home campus
- Each of the 7 institutions make decisions
- UWEC is where the degree would come from

Debate

- The courses were selected by UW Extension
 - They picked courses that were successful
 - Some courses are being developed by faculty
- No cons listed on the motion because APC wanted to move it to Senate for more feedback
- Not having this could be catastrophic for UWEC-BC
- There is more to a program like this than taking an online course
 - What about services like library, academic skills, writing tutoring, student health services, etc.

- They are building that structure
- Have advisors in Madison
- UW Extension does not pay for the resources that the library provides, and our licenses do not allow us to extend our services to those not on our campus
 - Concern that some campuses have more available to them
 - UW Colleges acted as one campus, and this is not the case anymore
- Tied to the UW extended campus
 - This overarching structure is providing course development
 - Providing the funding to get this going at least for a while
 - Shared courses with different campuses
- Tuition would be one tuition fee by UW Extended Campus
 - It might make a difference in where students select to go
 - Price point would be similar to what UW Colleges was offering
 - This topic will be a concern for the students
- How would changes to the degree be made if this passes all 7 campuses
 - If a change has to be made then all participating campuses would have to approve that
 - Concern that we do not have control of the degree that we confer
- UW Extension campus will be doing the hiring of the instructors
 - For the 6 courses that UWEC would offer the money would be provided to us to deliver that piece
 - People are in place to help those that cannot fill the instructional requirements
- Need to have faculty involved, not just program directors
- Questioning if the courses in our catalog available to all students or only to those enrolled in this program
 - Need some control so the students can get into the course but also since a different tuition that might be problematic with our tuition structure
 - How each institution handles this would still need to be determined
 - Some students still need to go elsewhere for certain courses
- Overages are equally distributed
 - We get resources to deliver it
 - No money is taken out of the institution, but money may come in
 - If a surplus, then all participating members will get some
- What if one of the campuses says no to adding this “degree”
 - They go with however many campuses approve it

VOTE on MOTION: POSTPONED

- j) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee
Honorary Degree
- Make-up of the Executive Committee was broken down

Debate

- If awarding an Honorary Degree then it seems weird that anyone other than faculty would vote on this

MOTION to amend the language to read:The executive committee along with UW System president (as per motion 09/2009) shall serve as the UW-Eau Claire Honorary Degree Committee (<https://www.wisconsin.edu/regents/policies/honorary-doctorate-degrees/>). The executive committee will not make a recommendation on an honorary degree nominee until it holds a second meeting **to discuss the honorary degree in question**. The second meeting must be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting at least 2 weeks after the initial meeting that addressed the honorary degree nominee, seconded

Discussion on amendment

- Wanted to ensure that after the nominee was announced that there would be time to research that nominee
- First meeting is to find out who the candidate is then the second meeting is to have a discussion

VOTE on AMENDMENT: PASSED

Continued Discussion on MOTION as AMENDED

- Concern about an inflexible schedule
 - Would there be different circumstances ever that would want us to move more expeditiously
 - The BOR has to be notified a certain amount of time in advance so there is plenty of time for Senate Executive Committee to be notified
- Could this be reactionary
- An honorary degree isn't such an emergency that we should have to act without time to consider
- The procedures that we use means that we do not publish the name of the nominee so it was a complete surprise and yet we had to vote on it
 - We need time for due diligence
 - This procedure puts in place the time System puts in place for us to use
 - We cannot do due diligence without prior knowledge
 - This gives us advance notice
- System policy states we should have an honorary degree committee but questioning why that body is the University Senate Executive Committee
 - That decision was made by this body
 - APC might be more appropriate as that committee is made up of all faculty
 - Names are not supposed to be released as that is System policy so this is the reason that this needs to be under a set number of ears
 - Most campuses do this under Senate Executive Committee

VOTE on MOTION: POSTPONED

k) Announcements

- Next meeting of the University Senate is December 10th in the Dakota Ballroom

Without objection, meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Submitted by,

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