A meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Weiher (immediately following the adjournment of the University Senate meeting) at 4:32 p.m. on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 in the Ojibwe C Room of Davies Center.

1) Approval of the Minutes of November 19, 2019
   • Approved as distributed

2) Ten Minute Open Forum
   • Snow Days and the concern about those students who do not live on campus
   • Snow, visibility and ice are among the top concerns
   • When we have a rough snowstorm and most of the school districts close then questioning if we should send out a message that allows students to be absent/cancel classes
   • Discussion
     • Concern about lack of additional staffing for make-up exams
     • Exams may need to be pushed back
     • Opposed to changing anything from what we are currently doing as it is too problematic
     • Most faculty are pretty reasonable but there are some who are not
     • Canceling is typically part of the emergency notification system
       • It wasn’t last week but it should be
     • We are here to learn so when we cancel we make sure then that there are no learning experiences available
     • If this is being considered then a survey should be distributed to verify that this is indeed a wide problem
     • School districts build in extra days for snow days and we do not have those things at our disposal
     • Many students call in sick for class but not work
       • It contributes to an us/them kind of approach
     • Questioning where things fall between canceling class and closing the university
       • Staff still need to be here so why is it ok for them to be here and others are told that it is unsafe to stay
       • If the weather is that bad then we should close for the safety of everybody
         • If we remain open then not every office needs to be fully staffed
     • The department chair and dean should deal with the faculty who are inflexible because it seems like we are making a change for a few faculty that are inflexible
       • The students need to learn to communicate with professors
     • Like that messaging on flexibility for staff is expressed in emails
     • Think about what we can do as this is an issue

3) Review of tentative agenda for December 10, 2019 meeting of the University Senate
   • Approved as amended
     • Draft Minutes date was amended to reflect December 3
     • Add items to Unfinished Business:
Second Reading: Motion from Academic Policies Committee: Proposal for New Course Prefix UW System Collaborative Online Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree (attached)

Second Reading: Motion from Academic Policies Committee: Proposal for UW System Collaborative Online Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree (attached)

Second Reading: Motion from the University Senate Executive Committee: Honorary Degree (attached)

Add New Business item: Motion from FPC and ASPC: Bias Incident Reporting Motion

4) FCGTRC Membership
   Discussion
   • None

MOTION to revise the University Senate agenda to include this as an item of New Business, seconded

VOTE to forward this to Senate: PASSED

5) Announcements
   • None

Meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Submitted by,
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