

University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire
University Senate Executive Committee

Minutes from December 3, 2019
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Present: Jasmine Case, Chip Eckardt, Elizabeth Glogowski, Bob Hooper, Marquell Johnson, John Mann, Colleen Marchwick, Jill Markgraf, Bill Miller, Geoffrey Peterson, Kristin Schaupp, James Schmidt, Charlotte Sortedahl, Pedro Sottile, Ryan Weichelt, Evan Weiher

Absent: Robert Bell, Albert Colom, John Haven, Patricia Kleine, Ka Vang

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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Secretary of the University Senate