The regular meeting of the University Senate was called to order by Chair Weiher at 3:07 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 in the Dakota Ballroom of Davies Center.

1) Approval of the December 3, 2019 University Senate minutes
   • Approved as distributed

2) Administrator Remarks
   • None

3) Reports
   a) Report from University Senate Chair Weiher
      • Thanks to the Provost for our snacks today
      • This so awesome as we have had Senate two weeks in a row
      Chair Weiher loves the fact that fall semester starts in the summer and ends in full blown winter

4) Unfinished Business
   a) Second Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee
      Proposal for UW System Collaborative Online Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree
      Debate
      • Students decide which institution
      • When UW Colleges went away then an alternative was wanted for an online AAS degree
      • A collaborative model basically means that they need UW institutions to provide the degree
      • 7 institutions came together and met and came up with this degree
      • It was built from what Colleges had been working on for many years
      • We already have a Masters in Data Science
      • The students choose which campus they would like to sign-up through
        • Students would use the UWEBC-BC website
      • Services would come through the students home campus
• Money is distributed evenly
  • Concern that the funds can be disproportionate
• If Barron County cannot fulfill services to the students, then the students would have UWEC services
• UW Extension was dissolved but they had contracted with UWEC for library services
  • Concern that money is not based on student enrollment
• Once the courses are developed then will see if there are faculty available to fulfill load that are available
• Might see 100’s of students who enroll as that is what was enrolled at Barron County
  • BOR meetings talked about doubling the student enrolled in this over the next 4 years
• Only students seeking an AAS degree can take courses offered in the online program
• Student segregated fees are not be required to be paid for these students
• Might come out to about $300 per credit
• When changes are made to the online curriculum then all the campuses must agree
  • There is a built-in revision process for the courses themselves
• Each campus has the decision to participate or not
• Program approvals would go through our regular processes
• If UWEC opted-out then automatically UWEC-BC also does not participate
• UWEC is behind the other institutions because we cannot do the courses until this passes where some of the other campuses do their courses at the same time
• If more faculty and staff are needed then UW Extended campus pays for instruction but it is our responsibility for staffing
• UWEC-BC students passed a resolution in support of this
  • Resolution was outlined
• The issues are not insurmountable
• We need to be creative in our enrollment concerns
• This is an area where we can grow our students

VOTE on MOTION: PASSED

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

Debate
• None

VOTE on MOTION: PASSED

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

Debate

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/). This committee will confidentially accept, evaluate and decide on nominations for the honorary doctorate submitted to them by UW-Eau Claire students, faculty, or staff members within the scope of Regent Policy Document 4-20. The executive committee will not make a recommendation on an honorary, seconded

Debate on amendment
• 420 indicates the supporting documents but not on who can make recommendations
• Nominations from administration is not addressed but was not intending to exclude
• This allows nominations from university at-large
• Process itself on making a recommendation is considered confidential until BOR says its approved
• Concern about expectation for the committee as the bulk of the work is already done before it comes to the Executive Committee
• 420 Policy is outlined in our policies
• This is about the time given to consider
• Students are not included in this

VOTE on amendment: FAILS

Continued Debate
• Cannot expeditiously approve an honorary degree so if this becomes part of the FASRP then this is how it has to happen
• We only have 2 graduations a year
• We cannot nominate someone if deceased
• 2 weeks to wait is a minimum bar
• We must exercise due diligence and ensure that the nominee is of high moral character so we need this
• Honorary degree requirements for submission were outlined
• We are just trying to protect the timeline on our end
• This is a problem, so this is a response to that
• Concern about the amendment made last time as it can be used as a loophole

MOTION to amend the language to read: to discuss honorary degree nominee in question, seconded

Debate on amendment
• The committee might just discuss the nature of the honorary degree than 2 weeks later might discuss the nominee
• The second sentence addresses the concern that a nominee was not presented
• We should keep it consistent

VOTE on AMENDMENT: PASSED

MOTION to change the language after the hyperlink to read….Honorary degree recommendations require a minimum of two regularly-scheduled meetings during which the nominee is discussed. No recommendations will be made until the second regularly scheduled meeting., seconded

Debate on amendment:
• None

VOTE on AMENDMENT: PASSED

Continued debate on motion as amended
• None

VOTE on MOTION as AMENDED: PASSED

5) New Business
   a) First Reading: Motion from the University Senate Executive Committee FCGTRC Membership
      Debate
      • None

Without objection, we will vote on this today

VOTE on MOTION: PASSED

   b) First Reading: Motion from the Physical Plant Planning Committee
      Campus Building Resolution
• Only things required is to meet state building codes  
• Financial impact is tens of thousands of dollars

Debate
• We as an institution are behind  
  • We need longevity and accountability  
• The nations of the world are gathering about the crisis that is affecting us and our students  
  • If we, as a body, do not take the students long term well-being into consideration then we are doing them a disservice  
  • We should be setting examples for the rest of society  
• What do we get with the certification and the tens of thousands of dollars that it would cost  
  • It would give us data  
  • Someone other than the builders would come in to evaluate

Without objection, we will vote on this today

VOTE on MOTION: PASSED

c) First Reading: Joint Motion from the Faculty and Academic Staff Personnel Committees  
Bias Incident Reporting  
• 24-hour notice allows sufficient time for administration  
• Bias incident is defined in the handbook  
• The 24-hour timeline is when the Dean of Students defines that the student or putting others at-risk  
• Safety concerns are not defined  
• Affirmative Action has signed off but haven’t heard back from System Legal  
• 24-hours is at most  
• Campus Police might have a definition of safety concerns  
• This has to go through the Dean of Students or Affirmative Action  
• We do not control housing

Debate
• The policy is well written but might not cover all incidences or alerting all of the campus  
  • Language was considered but then we get into FERPA issues  
  • All of us handle outrage differently  
• Concerns raised by faculty members because they were not informed that the investigations were even taking place  
  • If they knew they were being investigated then what would they do differently  
  • Gives time to build a case or gather support  
• No requirement to notify if no investigation  
• 72 hours allows time over a weekend among other scenarios  
• Seems like this satisfies the concerns brought up at the faculty meeting

Without objection, we will vote on this today

VOTE on MOTION: PASSED

d) Announcements  
• The next meeting of the University Senate is February 11th in the Woodland Theatre

Without objection, meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Submitted by,  
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Secretary to the University Senate