

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

Jan Adams, Jose Alvergue, Warren Anderson, Jim Boulter, Wayne Carroll, Jasmine Case, Elena Casey, Chip Eckardt, Abbey Fischer, Ashley Galoff, Kent Gerberich, Liz Glogowski, Gail Hanson Brenner, Ryan Harrison, Peter Hart-Brinson, Tom Hilton, Jarrod Hines, Kate Hinnant, Bob Hooper, Phil Huelsbeck, Heather Iverson, Marquell Johnson, Jennifer Johs-Artisensi, Chris Jones, Jyl Kelley, Pat Kleine, Carol Koroghlanian, Charlie Krula, Cheryl Lapp, Der-Fa Lu, Ellen Mahaffy, John Mann, Colleen Marchwick, Jill Markgraf, Barbara Meier, Bill Miller, Tamara Miller, Robin Miller, Kelly Murray, Dave Nesvacil, Geoffrey Peterson, Nick Phillips, Sheryl Poirier, Linda Pratt, Barb Ritzinger, Jim Rybicki, Jonathon Rylander, Vicki Samelson, Kristin Schaupp, Dan Schumacher, Alyssa Slaby, Charlotte Sortedahl, Pedro Sottile, Tom Storm, Ryan Weichelt, Katie Wilson

Members Absent:

Heather Amthauer, Lisa Coen, Bart Dahl, Jeff Erger, John Haven, Bridget Kurtenbach, Leah Olson-McBride, James Schmidt, Andrew Suralski, Ka Vang, Charles Vue, Isabel Walters, Evan Weiher

Guests:

Roxanne Backowski, MJ Brukardt, Margaret Cassidy, Craig Ernst, Madeline Fuerstenberg, Debra Jansen, Bridget Kelley, Ciara Neupert, Darrell Newton, Ryan Patterson, Susan Vang

The regular meeting of the University Senate was called to order by Vice Chair Eckardt at 3:03 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 in the Woodland Theatre of Davies Center.

- 1) Approval of the February 11, 2020 University Senate minutes
 - Approved as amended
 - The members present was amended
- 2) Administrator Remarks
 - Remarks from VC Warren Anderson
 - Chancellor Schmidt is at the Chippewa Valley Rally in Madison
 - Has been a busy two months since VC Warren has come to UWEC
 - Observations have been made and conversations have been had
 - Commitment to EDI here is overwhelming
 - Many want to advance that mission and we have many opportunities for continued growth
 - Often, we talk about how to get over negative things but there are many good things that are happening (and coming), and we do not do a good enough job talking about how we impact student success
 - Been hearing that many have a renewed energy
 - We are developing a Rapid Action Taskforce Implementation Team as well as a broader collegewide EDI Strategic Plan
- 3) Reports
 - a) Report from Vice Chair Eckardt on behalf of University Senate Chair Weiher
 - Chair Weiher is at the World Biodiversity Forum in Switzerland this week
 - The first two days have been absolutely great and it's too bad we couldn't have had our Senate meeting here
 - Motions and certificates that have been approved by the Chancellor:
 - Creative Writing Certificate

- Theatre Arts Certificate
- English Teaching Major Suspension & Elimination of Minor
- Special Education Major Rename
- Physical Science Teaching Rename & Establish 4 Emphases
- Dismissal Appeal Process
- Executive Committee has been talking about the campus climate
 - The last two weeks were incredibly busy with all the news and discussions about the Vice Chancellor situation, and then of course the news “yesterday”
- The Chancellor is looking for suggestions from you for interim leadership suggestions
 - You can email him directly
 - The Chancellor wants the interim leadership to come from existing staff/faculty
 - There will not be any major changes coming
 - There will be a normal external search that will start soon
- Skills being sought was not discussed
 - Hard to know what he is looking for without a process in place and we want a diversity of candidates keeping in mind that we all have our biases
 - Specifically, we are at least talking about the VC of Enrollment Candidate and an Admission Director but clarity was requested

4) New Business

- a) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee
New Course Prefix in Biomedical Engineering
- New hire(s) to construct the BME courses

Debate

- None

Without objection, we will suspend the rules and vote on this today

VOTE on MOTION: PASSED

- b) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee
Art, Printmaking, Comprehensive Major

Debate

- None

Without objection, we will suspend the rules and vote on this today

VOTE on MOTION: PASSED

5) Announcements

- The next meeting of the University Senate is March 10th in the Dakota Ballroom of Davies Center
- At our Senate Exec. meeting on Tuesday, Senator Markgraf asked the Chancellor where individuals could offer information, they might have related to the complaint investigation taking place regarding gender discrimination and the Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management
 - The Chancellor suggested our Affirmative Action office or UW System legal
 - Senator Markgraf followed up and learned that individuals can reach out directly to Christine Buswell (christine.buswell@uwss.wisconsin.edu) at UW Shared Services

Without objection, meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tanya Kenney
Secretary to the University Senate