

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE  
UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING  
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**March 10, 2020**

Members Present:

Jan Adams, Warren Anderson, Jim Boulter, Jasmine Case, Elena Casey, Chip Eckardt, Jeff Erger, Abbey Fischer, Ashley Galoff, Kent Gerberich, Liz Glogowski, Gail Hanson Brenner, Ryan Harrison, Peter Hart-Brinson, Tom Hilton, Jarrod Hines, Bob Hooper, Phil Huelsbeck, Heather Iverson, Marquell Johnson, Jennifer Johs-Artisensi, Chris Jones, Jyl Kelley, Charlie Krula, Bridget Kurtenbach, 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, Sheryl Poirier, Linda Pratt, Barb Ritzinger, Jim Rybicki, Jonathon Rylander, Vicki Samelson, James Schmidt, Alyssa Slaby, Pedro Sottile, Tom Storm, Andrew Suralski, Charles Vue, Isabel Walters, Evan Weiher, Katie Wilson

Members Absent:

Jose Alvergue, Heather Amthauer, Wayne Carroll, Lisa Coen, Bart Dahl, John Haven, Kate Hinnant, Pat Kleine, Carol Koroghlanian, Cheryl Lapp, Leah Olson-McBride, Nick Phillips, Kristin Schaupp, Dan Schumacher, Charlotte Sortedahl, Ka Vang, Ryan Weichelt

Guests:

Margaret Cassidy, Craig Ernst, Debra Jansen, Bridget Kelley, Clara Neupert

The regular meeting of the University Senate was called to order by Chair Weiher at 3:04 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 in the Dakota Ballroom of Davies Center.

- 1) Approval of the February 25, 2020 University Senate minutes
  - Approved as amended
    - The members present was amended
  
- 2) Administrator Remarks
  - The Sustainability and Climate Action Taskforce membership was announced today
  - Introduced the new Men's Soccer Coach
  - The Men's and Women's hockey teams are doing well as well as many others
  - Coronavirus Updates were given and are available on the UWEC website
    - Working with UW System to keep all UW schools in the loop
    - Will consult as necessary and will minimally provide weekly updates to the campus
    - Cancelled Spring programs in South Korea and Italy as well as Summer programs in Italy, China and Czech Republic
      - Two students in Japan asked to come home
    - Will continue to monitor
    - Piloted our pandemic plan to make sure that we are prepared
    - Integrated into the EC County Health planning process
    - New signage to remind students and everyone to wash their hands thoroughly
    - Emergency planning teams will be meeting this Thursday on our relative preparedness
    - If we go online, then more training will be talked about
    - International Insurance Program is required if going overseas but it does provide extraction from medical emergencies or if program is recalled then the insurance is voided if the student refuses to come back
      - Faculty members are not required to purchase this insurance but it is available to them
      - Colleen Marchwick from International Education can be consulted if you have questions
        - Have two parts: medical and security coverage

- Immersion programs in the Czech Republic were just discussed and cancelled so talk to Jeff DeGrave with questions
  - Please talk to appropriate offices if you have questions
- Comments/Questions
  - Concern that students have already gone on spring break so they are already going places
    - A communication will be coming out on spring break cautions but personal circumstance(s) needs to be taken into account
  - Student travel for student organizations have deadlines for registrations so this should also be discussed
  - If we have a crisis, usually on a snow day, all other offices have remained open so if this arises then we need to talk about all the offices
    - UW System policy is that institutions should make decisions based on the welfare of their students
    - Since we are all state employees then decisions will be made collaboratively with all UW System institutions
      - Can't imagine that all work conditions would remain the same
  - Times like these when we appreciate the great services of our Student Health Department
    - Good reason to not outsource as these are medical experts in college health

### 3) Reports

- a) Report from University Senate Chair Weiher
  - It's great to see everybody
  - At Senate Executive Committee we discussed risk management of the pandemic and Vice Chancellor Haven sent us some updates
    - Universities are going to online-only across the country, so Chair Weiher would expect that we will too at some point
      - Bill Miller told me that you can stream a lecture on canvas to your class, and interact, so it might not be too bad
  - We also talked about the Dean search for Arts & Sciences for early next fall
    - The job description will be updated this spring
    - It seems like the administration is really trying to follow the rules on p. 113 of the handbook
  - Both Geoff Peterson and Chair Weiher suggested that we need to have an ombudsperson on campus and the Chancellor responded positively to this, so we'll try to make this happen
  - The Interim Dean for Arts & Sciences will be Rodd Freitag
- b) Faculty Representative's Report
  - No Report
- c) Academic Staff Representative's Report
  - No Report

### 4) New Business

- a) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee  
Elimination of the Art, Digital Media 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 31<sup>st</sup> in the Schofield Auditorium

Without objection, meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

Submitted by,

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