

**University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire
University Senate Executive Committee**

Minutes from April 14, 2020
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Present: Warren Anderson, Jasmine Case, Chip Eckardt, Elizabeth Glogowski, Bob Hooper, Marquell Johnson, Patricia Kleine, John Mann, Colleen Marchwick, Jill Markgraf, Bill Miller, Geoffrey Peterson, Kristin Schaupp, James Schmidt, Charlotte Sortedahl, Pedro Sottile, Ryan Weichelt, Evan Weiher

Absent: John Haven, Ka Vang

Guest: Mike Carney

A meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Weiher at 3:02 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 via online (Microsoft Teams) meeting.

- 1) Approval of the University Senate Executive Committee Minutes of April 7, 2020
 - Approved as amended
 - A clarification was made in section 4 as follows:
 - We would have to make the decision soon if we were going back to online teaching in the fall
 - UW System has decided that all UW System schools will move forward after a decision has been made cohesively among the campuses
- 2) Ten Minute Open Forum
 - Questioning if the printer conversion be delayed due to the pandemic as there is concern over touching the same printers
 - Chip Eckardt, LTS will look into this
 - This seems to be supported
 - Minimally there should be disinfectant wipes provided near the printers
 - CARES Act and how it applies at UWEC
 - Just over \$7 million to be given to UWEC with ½ given to students as financial aid
 - We have a hole in our collective budgets
 - Been working with UW System for 4th phase of investments in the country
 - Encouraging UW System to work with some of the larger systems (California, New York and etc.) for federal support
 - This is a different recession than in 2008
 - We shouldn't have such a long period of unemployment
 - Waiting on the actual guidance for what we can do with this money
 - Cancelling of the equity and performance increases
 - I'm sure it was a difficult decision but wondering of that can be partially retained as it would preserve some appreciation
 - It is still postponed but we will revisit it
 - BOR will be having an emergency meeting Thursday afternoon to delay furloughs
 - Chancellor will get feedback from shared governance as we figure this out
 - Investing in faculty and staff is still our goal
- 3) New Business
 - None
- 4) Continued Discussion on Optional S/U Grading Discussion
 - APC voted to approve the policy for temporary S/U grading
 - Will be coming to the Executive Committee for next week
 - After the draft was sent for comments APC determined

- This is a multistep process
- Concerns were noted about the maximum of 12 S/U credits
- Dates were yet to be determined
 - Questioning how one office handles this workload
- The importance of the implementation of this policy in that if the students choose to opt into this policy that it is applicable to them
- Concern that the drop date for students is next Monday
 - APC is in favor of extending that date so students can think about if they want to drop a course or not
- Questioning why a student needs to have a sophomore standing or higher
 - Freshman will be able to take S/U option
- The hope is to make the e-form an easier to maneuver document
- The motion that will come forward will only be the policy itself
 - The policy is all that will be in the motion as the Registrar's Office will construct the e-form and they, among others such as the deans, know more of the details that go along with that
- We took our current S/U policy and determined what we would want to be changed/modified
 - Some of the details will still need to be determined
- The motion from APC will be shared Thursday when the Executive Committee materials are sent out
 - Executive Committee to look at this next Tuesday with senators being given the opportunity to comment as well
 - Senate comments can be shared with the Executive Committee
 - This would also allow senators to get feedback from their departments
- The S/U policy and academic distinction remains the same
 - Incompletes are not and APC issue as that is a Registrar issue
 - Incompletes are NOT a student option, but the instructor's
 - If the IN (incompletes) is not being changed within the time window the student has the option to change to S/U the letter grade assigned, then the student should not have the option to change
 - Questioning if a student decides they want an incomplete, then changes their mind in July will it be too late for them to change their mind
 - Once the final grade is entered then they would have the same amount of time as any other student
- Colleges/Departments can increase their flexibility for this semester
 - It is at the discretion of the colleges/departments
 - This language might need to be inserted
- It is not clear what changes are allowed
 - The change is up to 12 credits
 - Specific graded courses are not subject to this policy
- Concern about the difficulties that undeclared students might have with this policy
 - On the e-form there is interest in having statements that the students have to read and recognize as there might be costs involved if taking a course S/U and we want to make sure students are fully aware of that
 - This is another reason that APC wants to ensure that the students meet with an advisor first
- Many students do not typically take the S/U option
- Not sure this policy is helping many at-risk students

5) Announcements

- Executive Committee will be looking at the Spring Nominations next week

Meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Submitted by,
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