

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

Minutes from May 12, 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

Guests: Mike Carney, Margaret Cassidy, Kelly Holzer, Debra Jansen, Matt Jewell, Jean Pratt, Jill Prushiek

A meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Weiher at 3:01 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 via online (Microsoft Teams) meeting.

- 1) Approval of the University Senate Executive Committee Minutes of May 5, 2020
  - Approved as distributed
- 2) Ten Minute Open Forum
  - Selection of the UW System Plan Ahead Team
    - Curious to the make-up to this as there is only 1 faculty and 2 deans
      - The Chancellors have been left in the dark a lot in the last month but do know that there was a debate on whether this committee should be formed or not
        - This group will not make recommendations on whether we reopen or not but rather on Systems resources on testing
        - The charge for this committee was not clear
  - Parking
    - Not being enforced (besides fire lanes and handicap etc.) right now but it is unknown what will happen next year
      - Communication will be requested to be sent
      - Sounds like refunds will be issued but it is more difficult for automatic payrolls
      - Do not plan to patrol the F, S or R permits but the G permits will have the opportunity for refunds
        - It is not confirmed but it may be that with the G permits if you want to retain your permit then enforcement will continue
  - Director of Student Health Services has been vacant
    - The current Medical Supervisor has been serving in a dual role, but this person will also be leaving
    - We were about to start a search just prior to COVID-19
    - If we are without a director of Student Health Services, then our Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners cannot practice in our Student Health Services Center as they do not have a physician of record
    - With this dilemma we have begun conversations to work with MAYO for them to provide contracted services for those two positions
      - These positions would be MAYO physicians provided at cost to us
    - A prior search was done but it did not yield the kinds of applicants that we wanted in that position
    - MAYO will provide us with a pool of people for us to select from to fill those two positions on a contractual basis
    - This is not being outsourced or an outsourcing of personnel

- Student Services will go down to a bare bone staffing as summer is coming but we need to be prepared
- International Students typically go to Student Health Services
  - They will still be open from 9-2 and we will still have a full slate of offerings
- MAYO is providing the personnel but the services will continue to happen as they are now
- Function of the office will continue to function as it always has
- Concern over continuity of care
  - No issues with this as the person now serving will continue to be there over the summer
  - When we identify who will be coming in then we will allow time for overlap
- Blueprint Program
  - Thank you for all the faculty and staff who signed off on the letter but am curious about pushback and what we can do from here

3) New Business

- a) For the Record: Motion from Academic Policies Committee  
Additional Programs to USAC

Debate

- None

**MOTION to be ENTERED FOR THE RECORD**

- b) First Reading: Motion from the University Senate Executive Committee  
COVID-19 and Service-Learning Waiver Extension

Debate

- Students that take a summer 2020 course can still receive credit for service-learning, even though they would have time to complete in the future, would still get credit

**Without objection, we can suspend the rules to vote on this today, seconded**

**VOTE on MOTION: PASSED**

4) UW System Reorganization

- Faculty, staff and administration seem to agree as they are unsupportive of this
- This might not even take-off, but we do need to contact the regents to make the points we feel are important
- We also need to consider that Ray Cross is on his way out so almost all the regents feel that this should be a decision made by the incoming President of UW System
- Chancellors have also not had a chance to weigh in on this
  - Also, faculty, staff and students should get to weigh in on this
- As it relates to if this plan comes forward, all but one regent, are not in support of this
- The regents like to be unanimous so since many do not agree with this then it is unlikely to move forward
- Faculty Reps are coordinating right now to talk with every single regent
  - We need students on campus safely in the fall and if not then we are putting student health at risk
- Maybe a resolution is a good idea
  - Would also like to see the students send a resolution
- There are minimally 4 chancellors that would like system to make these decisions for them so system is the bad guy but with that said, more chancellors are quietly or overtly opposed to this as it takes decisions away from the campuses
  - There is more opposition than there is support
- We need to have a conversation on how we move efficiently as things are changing
- Talking points on making the case that all hands are on deck for opening in the fall
  - We need to be careful on pitting one against the other

- Due to other restructures we used our time and energy in that area instead of other areas that could have been used to move forward
- A resolution will be drafted for submission by next Tuesday
  - Chair Weiher will welcome volunteers to help him work on it
    - Should consider having the Chancellor and Provost support this
    - Students and staff should be involved as well
    - Resolution from the Senate should just be from the Senate
    - If the regents have other options, I think they will be grateful
    - Legislature could still try to pass something but luckily, we are more balanced now
    - We need to stay professional and reiterate that we need to trust faculty
    - There are some campuses that need to talk about some of these things and assess where they are
      - We should not be moving funding sources around instead of dealing with the problem
    - Like that most everyone at the university said “no” as that is not a common experience here at UWEC
    - This is the time to do something with the campuses that are in bad shape and not take it out on all the campuses
  - Shared Services model conversations
    - We are being billed for services that we are not getting, or it costs more to have them do it so yes, we are aware of this and it will be addressed
  - Talking points can be submitted to Chair Weiher and Tanya Kenney
  - Support conversations to continue in the fall
    - UWEC is transparent and we share a lot of this information, while many others are not
    - We are only one of four that can account for the majority of their money
    - John Haven and his entire team have given much time and energy for everything the Chancellor has asked for
      - We do not have a great system so most of our work is hand work and it happens very slow
        - It is very inefficient and so John and his staff have and are working very hard
  - Madison and UWEC are the healthiest financially
    - This Thursday the Chancellor will hopefully send out a fillable budget and salary to “play Chancellor” to try and solve the budget
      - We get better decision when everyone knows what is going on
    - Want a realistic picture
    - Tough decision will have to be made but it could potentially look different
      - Want to relieve anxiety on job security
    - This campus takes this responsibility seriously
    - We have eliminated many degree options in the last 5 years
      - We did what we had to do, and faculty and staff understood based on enrollment
      - We are the Madison of undergraduate institutions
        - We share that role with UW-La Crosse
      - 80% of our funding is based on our ability to track our students
      - We need to attract, retain, and serve our students well
      - The variables are worse than the last cuts as we do not know how deep they will go
      - State revenue is down so we will be taking further cuts
        - The more they cut from us the less there is to be cut

5) Announcements

- None

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Submitted by,  
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