

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

Minutes from August 11, 2020
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Present: Warren Anderson, Jasmine Case, Chip Eckardt, Elizabeth Glogowski, John Haven, Bob Hooper, Marquell Johnson, Patricia Kleine, John Mann, Colleen Marchwick, Jill Markgraf, Bill Miller, Geoffrey Peterson, Pedro Sottile, Ka Vang, Ryan Weichelt, Evan Weiher

Absent: Kristin Schaupp, James Schmidt, Charlotte Sortedahl

Guests: MJ Brukardt, Mike Carney, Margaret Cassidy, Staci Heidtke, Kelly Holzer, Teresa O'Halloran, Kim O'Kelly, Jean Pratt, Jill Prushiek, Kristy Prust, Becky Slembariski, Charles Vue, Benita Wagner

A meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Weiher at 3:01 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 via online (Microsoft Teams) meeting.

- 1) Approval of the University Senate Executive Committee Minutes of July 16, 2020
 - Approved as distributed
- 2) Consultation with VC Haven to discuss search process for Director of Risk Management (not officially a director position)
 - Operating title of director but not officially a director
 - With COVID, it is important that we fill this position soon
 - Would like to fill it as soon as possible
 - Many units and departments were contacted for search committee members
 - Such as: Housing, Facilities, the ASPC, Chemistry, Biology, Geoff Peterson, Student governance, University Staff Council and Barron County, etc.
 - Ready to go as soon as possible
 - The director protocol is currently being followed
 - No concerns noted on the search process
 - With international activities Risk Management is consulted so an open forum to meet the finalists would be appreciated
 - Would be nice to have this filled by the middle of October as the new VC will hopefully be filled by the beginning of September as then they would also have a say
- 3) Consultation with VC Anderson on EDISA restructuring plan
 - Since documents were received late, we are postponing for another meeting
- 4) Motion to restrict Week 1-2 Add-Drop to instructor consent only
 - Since cohorts may be used the faculty member needs to be made aware so they can assign people to cohorts as needed
 - Blugold Central could also possibly tell the faculty as an alternative to this motion
 - 38% of our classes are in cohort formats
 - Notification of faculty is not quite as good, but consent is better
 - Either would be an improvement
 - Worried about a waitlist as they can add through day 4
 - In two weeks, there are about 5000 of these add/drop transactions
 - CAMPS should not be taken out of it
 - There is a delay between canvas and camps
 - Chairs will be spaced but if students can be remote then they can do it that way or group "a" will come in and group "b" will come in the next week
 - Many COVID caps are being worked on in many ways

- Notification can come in email, but a consent would be in e-form so from a workload perspective the notification can be given
 - Then the student also gets a notification automatically
 - The student would then not need to adapt to a new process
- Notifications would be done in batches, so it is more real time
- Is good to minimize chaos at this time

MOTION was withdrawn without objection

- 5) Motion to suspend service-learning requirements for the year (or indefinitely)
- We keep coming up with band-aids
 - Many projects can still be done virtually
 - The waiver is only for graduating seniors (fall of 2020 and spring 2021)
 - The world is not any different now that it was for the last waivers that we approved
 - Questioning if there are there enough online opportunities/placements
 - Many upcoming graduates are done with this, so we are looking at a smaller number in need
 - Faculty and staff mentors so far have not seen as an increased issue
 - We waived it before
 - Why aren't we handling this in the fall so we can wait and see how this goes
 - APC did not take this up as faculty do not meet in the summer, so it came to the Executive Committee
 - Would be good to let the students to know this right away so that is why it was brought forward
 - We need to consider all the service learning that is embedded in classes
 - Schools do not want visitors, so all the pre-student teachers are not allowed, and Social workers are not allowed in social service agencies
 - Is mostly required for those in the classes where it carries a S-I designation
 - We need this clarified early in the semester
 - Professors are concerned and students will be too if we do not make a decision
 - We don't want students to compromise their safety
 - We view community partners with their usefulness to us but what about what we do for them as we do not want to let them down either
 - We should waive it for one semester
 - If it's embedded in a course then the student would be awarded the service credits

Without objection, this should go through APC at the start of the semester

- 6) New Business
- None
- 7) Open Forum
- Permission was sought to remove the link from honorary degrees and update general policies that are outdated
 - The link is not working

Without objection, Senate Executive Committee has given their permission to update the policy/link

- Quarantine due to COVID
 - Some confusion on whether only those who are sick will be asked to quarantine or if those that are being tested are included
- The school district will quarantine if within 6 feet of someone who is positive

- If we follow seating arrangement, which is 6 feet apart, and masking then the County Health Department would not count anyone in that room as a close contact
- If a student is sick, then we cannot ask student for any documentation
 - Some faculty feel that this could be abused
 - Per Administration, students are told if you do not feel well then please do not come to class
 - Some students may abuse it but we do not want to take the risk
 - We will take the students word for it and they will not need to prove it
- Sharing of information is not likely to happen outside of the contact tracers
- Senate and Executive Committee will be meeting all online this year
- Zoom will also be used on campus
- Teams will update to have 200 interactives in a session or 20,000 if one person talking to the masses
 - The full version of teams would be beneficial
 - Support issues would be the problem with TEAMS as CETL is being hit hard right now
 - Permission can be given in TEAMS to record
- Testing for COVID on campus
 - Dorm students will be given antibody testing every two weeks
 - If positive, then you've been exposed but if nothing then it doesn't tell us if they have it or not
 - Last heard, that Marshfield clinic will provide us with tests if needed
 - A donor bought us a pcr machine, but we can't get any tests for that machine as they are required to go to other areas
 - Testing for students in dorms is an alternative to pcr and is a test for the virus
 - Primarily to control for those not displaying symptoms
 - Concerned about the time it takes for the results to come back
 - SHS said the test result is a two day turn around
 - If a student has symptoms, then many feel they should be isolated right away
 - Best practice would say, if tested then you are in the quarantine dorm until test results come back
 - Clarification on this would be good as we also do not want the quarantine dorm to fill up right away, especially with those that may not actually be positive
 - Quarantine dorm has 120 beds
 - For every one person who tests positive there are 5 people who then go into quarantine
 - If we have 20 positive students, then we will then have filled the quarantine dorm
 - If social distancing and masks are used, we could drastically reduce those quarantine numbers
 - This discussion makes it clear that there is a lot of uncertainty
 - Approaches and strategies will need to be revisited as we go
 - Language states that the trigger for quarantine dorm is a positive test
- Site license for iclickers should be made available
 - Talk to your deans so they can make a shopping list what it is we will need to be successful
- Ebooks and stream video as a wish list would be nice too so that should be brought forward to Mary Hoffman
- Canvas lockdown feature was only available to Nursing and Math but it is now available and can be added to any course on canvas and can do just the lock down or the lock down and the video

8) Announcements

- None

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Submitted by,
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