

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING
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September 22, 2020

Members Present:

Jan Adams, Warren Anderson, Roxanne Backowski, Robert Berg, James Boulter, Jasmine Case, Grace Crickette, Bart Dahl, Chip Eckardt, Mary Elger-Lonzarich, Jeff Erger, Abbey Fischer, Ashley Galoff, Christa Garvey, Wendy Geniusz, Peter Hart-Brinson, Kent Gerberich, , Liz Glogowski, Gail Hanson Brenner, Ryan Harrison, Abby Hemmerich, Thomas Hilton, Jarrod Hines, Robert Hooper, Heather Iverson, Marquell Johnson, Jennifer Johs-Artisensi, Chris Jones, Pat Kleine, Carol Koroghlanian, Charlie Krula, Bridget Kurtenbach, Ellen Mahaffy, John Mann, Colleen Marchwick, Jill Markgraf, Sean McAleer, Barb Meier, Bill Miller, Nichole Miller, Dalete Mota, Kelly Murray, David Nesvacil, Susan O'Brien, Neil Ostlund, Geoff Peterson, Linda Pratt, Barb Ritzinger, Jim Rybicki, Jonathan Rylander, Kristin Schaupp, Lisa Schiller, James Schmidt, Alyssa Slaby, Charlotte Sortedahl, Pedro Sottile, Thomas Storm, Tom Sulzer, Andrew Suralski, Jamie Tester Morfoot, Ka Vang, Charles Vue, Ryan Weichelt, Evan Weiher, Katie Wilson

Members Absent:

Jose Alvergue, Ari Anand, Wayne Carroll, Lisa Coen, Tamara Miller, Daniel Schumacher, Isabel Walters

Guests:

Margaret Cassidy, Debra Jansen, Jean Pratt, Jill Prushiek, Troy Terhark, Kim Wellnitz

The regular meeting of University Senate was called to order by Chair Weiher at 3:01 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 via an online Teams meeting.

- 1) Approval of the September 8, 2020 University Senate minutes
 - Approved as distributed

- 2) Administrator Remarks
 - COVID-19
 - Thanks to the tireless and creative work of the faculty and staff
 - This has been demanding on everyone
 - Because of your efforts we are able to see the 4th week of classes
 - We have been able to protect the classroom environments and our workplaces
 - Chancellor Schmidt continues to tour Water Street and Randall Park and feels the student behavior is different than it was in the past, but we continue to monitor the situation
 - Dashboard is being revised and updated and our Institutional Research staff is now involved
 - It is too difficult, and we can't reliably get information from the County and that is why there are only a couple of campuses that are reporting the County data
 - It is an important part of the data
 - Spring and Winterim Study abroad cancelled
 - Administration met with the Deans to make this decision
 - Includes the National Student Exchange
 - Welcoming of the new Vice Chancellor
 - Grace Crickette started on Monday
 - Governor increased the size of lapse from \$250 million to \$350 million however our share dropped down to \$49 million
 - Announced the new Center for Racial and Restorative Justice
 - More information will be coming out
 - Tuesday at 10 Jazz Studies will release some new songs
 - Questions
 - Why has the involvement of a university statistician in the COVID response team and COVID dashboard not been pursued?
 - It is known that more than one that would be willing to serve, specifically Dr. Jessica Kraker has an established website with statistical tracking and is willing to serve the university in this way

- So far, the data isn't complicated
- We cannot get data from the County and the state systems do not indicate if they are students or not
- We had software issues with the website but now that is fixed so we will now be able to put in graphical depictions
- You have said that no 'single' number would lead to UWEC moving to remote instruction
 - While it is understandable that there is nuance in this decision and no one number could singularly be enough to lead to remote - can you please describe the details of at least 1 scenario that WOULD lead to remote instruction?
 - No specific scenario was named but the data is constantly being monitored and the testing protocol seems to be working as several students have been moved out of quarantine and into isolation
 - Putnam is only at 28% capacity
 - SHS says the number one complaint/issue is lack of taste and smell
 - Trends are very important, and we are always looking for links
 - Is it spreading in ways that it is not predictable
 - We are paying close attention
 - We had zero positive tests yesterday and that is incredible, but we did have 5 positive tests today
 - We are testing positive in the 5-6% range
- Concern that several students allegedly posted on Twitter that they were encouraged to go back to class after being released from quarantine PRIOR to knowing the results from their COVID tests
 - Why would this have happened and why would there be such a push to get these students back in the classroom without evidence that it was safe to do so?
 - Chancellor knows of no situation where students are being pushed to go back to class
 - If a student has been quarantined and it was caught right away, then they are not tested as they have been quarantined
 - Initially many were quarantined but they were not actually in close contact, so they weren't really a quarantine situation
 - Then we administered antigen tests
 - No structural office that said that students were told to go to class
- Although the university and health department have been working together, each organization says it's ultimately up to the other to make decisions
 - This circular argument is very problematic and a serious concern for spread to the community
 - Who is to blame for this lack of accountability?
 - It is not accountability as both are independent of each other
 - We have followed their advice, but they have no authority to shut us down or vice versa
- Bookstore backorders
 - Chancellor is furious
 - CEO of Barnes and Noble is getting letters from the Chancellor
 - Outraged that this is happening, and their contract is up at the end of the year
 - Their furloughs impacted our education
 - This impacts the core working of our institution
 - This is inexcusable
- Koch Foundation funding that went along with Menard money for The Center for Constitutional Studies
 - No strings attached
 - It was an add on to the Menards funding
 - They act as a financial executor when that entity does not have their own

3) Reports

- a) Report from University Senate Chair Weiher
 - EC County Health Department meeting with UWEC
 - Pretty eye opening as there is a significant time lag between when the student gets tested and when they get the results back and when contact tracing can start
 - Seems like a lot of days in between all those things happening
 - It is seriously always behind schedule due to the way things work
 - Troubling that it is so cumbersome and that is why our Dashboard is behind
 - The County is trying to do a good job and are doing the best that they can
 - Chair Weiher will speak with the Chancellor regarding his views on the Dashboard
 - We have people here on campus that are experts in data visualization
 - Is about presenting numerical representation that is useful
 - If people want to be involved, then they should be involved

- Next week the Senate Executive Committee will be meeting so Senate will not meet until October 13th
 - Need to have a consult for a search for the Dean of Arts & Sciences
- Concerns that the students are going off campus to get tested as they cannot get through on the COVID phone line
 - Also concerning as then our dashboard is then not being reflected accurately
 - When a home address is being given it also impedes our ability to triangulate so we need to remind students to give their local address
 - Not everyone is being cooperative with the contact tracers so there are many things that are compounding this
 - The Health Department is really trying hard
 - Some people here at UWEC are becoming contact tracers for the University
 - The antigen protocol is only for on campus students as we do not have the capacity to test all off campus students (at this time)
 - We are working on a call center dedicated to students and parents
 - Hope to have it up and running by next week
 - Staffed with 25-30 students and 2 temporary staff
 - Will staff the lines and the emails
 - The phone bank is for when the app tells you to contact SHS due to your symptoms
 - Often that is to schedule a test, and this is where the backlog is coming
 - Will have five lines for every current line
 - You can also put it in the app if you had a test
 - Concern that students are waiting for up to 2 days for tests (as they need to get through on the phone line and then be scheduled for a test, which may take up to two days) so they go off campus to get tested so they can get tested right away
 - We are not staffed to the appropriate levels for this situation (COVID) but we are trying to get more staff
 - 3 more staff are starting next week and trying to get even more
 - We are trying to keep up with the numbers that want to be tested as well as answer questions and concerns
 - Reporting to the Dashboard is what we report and the ones that we are testing
 - We can monitor through the app
 - Over 10,000 registered student users that use the app on a daily basis
 - Everyone is directed to contact SHS if you're sick or if you're being isolated but the testing on campus is only for the students
 - Faculty and staff will be directed to contact their health care provider

b) Faculty Representatives Report – Senator Peterson

- Met virtually with the shared governance representatives on Friday
- UW System Interim President Thompson stated it would take far worse numbers before he closes things down
 - Wants campuses to remain open
 - Implied that it is not the decision of the County
- Felt we should be testing every student on campus every week
- Interim President Thompson said the pay plan is still in place for January
- We need permission from Thompson to close our campus down
- Chancellor talks to Thompson minimally once per day
- Collaborate Ultra
 - Content is not university owned so they do not have rights to that
 - No concern over copyright as we do not give up our rights, information, or ownership here at UWEC
 - System policy says all our content is ours and does not belong to the campus

4) Special Orders

- a) Elections for University Senate and University-Wide Committees (see details on next pages)

5) New Business

- None
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6) Announcements

- The next meeting of the University Senate is October 13th via an online Teams Meeting

Without objection, meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tanya Kenney
Secretary to the University Senate

2020 Committee Vacancies for the September 22, 2020 University Senate Meeting

Executive Committee

Officers:

Evan Weiher, Chair
Chip Eckardt, Vice Chair
Geoff Peterson, Faculty Rep.
Jasmine Case, Academic Staff Rep.

Continuing members of the Executive Committee:

Pedro Sottile (2021)
Charlotte Sortedahl (2021)
Kristin Schaupp (2021)
Ryan Weichelt (2021)
Elizabeth Glogowski (2021)
Ka Vang (2021)
Marquell Johnson (2022)
Colleen Marchwick (2022)

2 Senator Vacancies

2 Vacancies for Academic Staff Senators (VC 4, 5, 6, 7)
(1) 2-year term and (1) 1-year term

Report of the University-wide Nominating Committee

Nominees:

Academic Staff: Kelly Murray, Biology
Academic Staff (1-year term): Bridget Kurtenbach, Business Communications

Additional nominations from the floor: None

Without objection, the rules were suspended to allow Kelly Murray (2-year term) and Bridget Kurtenbach (1-year term) to serve on the Executive Committee.

Elected to serve on the Executive Committee: Kelly Murray (2-year term) and Bridget Kurtenbach (1-year term)

Academic Staff Personnel Committee

Continuing members:

Elected Senators:

Linda Pratt, Housing & Residence Life
Mary Elger-Lonzarich, Biology

Academic Staff Rep.:

Jasmine Case, ARCC, APAS

Elected by Academic Staff at-large:

Craig Ernst, LTS, APAS

Lori Snyder, Geology, IAS
Paula Collins, A&S, APAS

3 Vacancies

2 Academic Staff Senator Vacancies

(2) Administrative and Professional Academic Staff Senator vacancies (APAS VC 5, 7)

1-year terms

Must serve on University Senate

(1) At-Large Instructional Academic Staff vacancy (IAS VC 4, 6)

3-year term

This committee meets alternate Tuesday's from 2-3 p.m.

Report of the University-wide Nominating Committee

Nominees:

APAS Senator (1-year term):

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At-Large IAS (3-year term): Pam Baughman, Accounting & Finance

Additional nominations from the floor: None

Without objection, the rules were suspended to allow Pam Baughman to serve on the Academic Staff Personnel Committee

Elected to serve on the Academic Staff Personnel Committee: Pam Baughman

Academic Policies Committee

Continuing members:

Marquell Johnson, Kinesiology, EHS

Evan Weiher, Biology, A&S

Bill Miller, Accounting, BUS

Bob Hooper, Geology, A&S

Abby Hemmerich, Comm. Sci. & Dis., EHS

Carol Koroghlanian, Educ. Studies, (EHS)

Jamie Tester Morfoot, Social Work (EHS)

Kati Schaller, Library

2 Vacancies for University Faculty Senators

1-year terms

One position must be from the College of NHS and the other can be from any area

Must be University Faculty Senators (Vote Code 1 or 4)

This committee meets Tuesday's from 2-3 p.m.

Report of the University-wide Nominating Committee

Nominees:

College of Nursing Senator: Dalete Mota, Nursing

Any Area Faculty Senator:

Additional nominations from the floor: None

Without objection, the rules were suspended to allow Dalete Mota to serve on the Academic Policies Committee

Elected to serve on the Academic Policies Committee: Dalete Mota

Physical Plant Planning Committee

Continuing University Senate

members:

Jim Boulter, Watershed
Jill Markgraf, Library
Katie Wilson, Student Health Services

Continuing department members and US Council members:

Karen O'Day, Art & Design
Sasha Showsh, Biology
Sean Hartnett, Geography
Tammy Perzichilli, Barron County
Jackson Schmidtke, Int. Educ.

2 Vacancies

1 University Faculty Senator Vacancy
Vote Code: 1 or 4
1-year term
Must be a University Faculty Senator

1 University Academic Staff Senator Vacancy
Vote Code: 5, 6, or 7
3-year term

Report of the University-wide Nominating Committee

Nominees:

University Faculty Senator (1-year term):
University Academic Staff Senator (3-year term):

Additional nominations from the floor: Peter Hart-Brinson and Linda Pratt

Without objection, the rules were suspended to allow Peter Hart-Brinson and Linda Pratt to serve on the Physical Plant Planning Committee

Elected to serve on the Physical Plant Planning Committee: Peter Hart-Brinson and Linda Pratt

Compensation & Budget Committee

Continuing members:

Elected Senators:

Ryan Harrison, Mathematics
Ellen Mahaffy, Comm. & Journalism
Tom Sulzer, LTS

Elected by University Faculty:
Sasha Showsh, Biology
Ganga Vadhavkar, Communication & Journalism
Elected by University Academic Staff:
Linda Carlson, ARCC
Paula Collins, A&S
Elected by University Staff Council:
Sally Eckwright

- 1 Vacancy
 - 1 University Academic Staff Senator Vacancy
 - 2-year term
 - Senator from Student Affairs/IAS
 - Vote code: 4, 5, 6, or 7

Report of the University-wide Nominating Committee

Nominees:

University Academic Staff Senator (2-year term): Robert Berg, Mathematics

Additional nominations from the floor: None

Without objection, the rules were suspended to allow Robert Berg to serve on the Compensation & Budget Committee

Elected to serve on the Compensation & Budget: Robert Berg

University-Wide Nominating Committee

Continuing members:

Liliana LaValle, Library
Kati Schaller, Library
Kati Ritland-Clouse, ARCC
Christy Mulock, ARCC

2 Vacancies

- (1) University Faculty Senator Vacancy (2-year term with Vote Code 1 or 4) and (1) University Academic Staff Senator Vacancy (1-year term with Vote Code 5, 6, or 7)

Report of the University-wide Nominating Committee

Nominees:

University Faculty Senator (2-year term): Christa Garvey, Music & Theatre Arts

University Academic Staff Senator (1-year term):

Additional nominations from the floor: Katie Wilson

Without objection, the rules were suspended to allow Christa Garvey and Katie Wilson to serve on the University-Wide Nominating Committee

Elected to serve on the University-Wide Nominating Committee: Christa Garvey and Katie Wilson

Administrator Review Committee

Continuing members:

Tarique Niazi, Sociology
Seungbin Oh, Accounting & Finance
Norah Airth-Kindree, Nursing
Katie Ritland-Clouse, ARCC
Sherrie Miles, LTS
Greg Falkenberg, Facilities
Jackson Schmidtke, International Education

1 Vacancy

(1) Instructional Academic Staff (IAS) Vacancy
3-year terms
IAS Vote Code: 4 or 6

Report of the University-wide Nominating Committee

Nominees:

IAS: Christopher Jones, Barron County

Election to be held at the next University Senate Meeting
