

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING
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Members Present:

Jan Adams, Warren Anderson, Roxanne Backowski, Robert Berg, James Boulter, Wayne Carroll, Jasmine Case, Chip Eckardt, Mary Elger-Lonzarich, Jeff Erger, Abbey Fischer, Ashley Galoff, Christa Garvey, Wendy Geniusz, Liz Glogowski, Gail Hanson Brenner, Ryan Harrison, Peter Hart-Brinson, Abby Hemmerich, Thomas Hilton, Jarrod Hines, Robert Hooper, Marquell Johnson, Pat Kleine, Carol Koroghlanian, Charlie Krula, Bridget Kurtenbach, Ellen Mahaffy, John Mann, Colleen Marchwick, Jill Markgraf, Sean McAleer, Barb Meier, 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, Daniel Schumacher, Alyssa Slaby, Charlotte Sortedahl, Pedro Sottile, Thomas Storm, Tom Sulzer, Andrew Suralski, Jamie Tester Morfoot, Ka Vang, Isabel Walters, Ryan Weichelt, Evan Weiher, Katie Wilson

Members Absent:

Jose Alvergue, Ari Anand, Lisa Coen, Grace Crickette, Bart Dahl, Kent Gerberich, Heather Iverson, Jennifer Johs-Artisensi, Chris Jones, Bill Miller, Nichole Miller, Tamara Miller, James Schmidt, Charles Vue

Guests:

Mike Carney, Margaret Cassidy, Marc Goulet, Debra Jansen, Jean Pratt

The regular meeting of University Senate was called to order by Chair Weiher at 3:01 p.m. on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 via an online Teams meeting.

- 1) Approval of the November 10, 2020 University Senate minutes
 - Approved as distributed
- 2) Administrator Remarks
 - A message recently went out to the entire university for the testing availability for fall break
 - Barron County feels that within the last week that the Dashboard has changed in a negative way
 - There is data that is missing as well as the positive PCR testing from off-campus
 - The data should be more useful
 - The language can fit better, and we can also be more transparent
 - We are testing 7 days a week, so we have so many tests coming through, so it makes it difficult, but VC Anderson will look at how we present the data
 - If people plan to leave for the holiday, then should follow the testing protocol
 - We want people to know that testing is available
 - Those who do not return to campus do still need to respond to the health app
- 3) Reports
 - a) Report from University Senate Chair Weiher
 - Motions that have been approved by the Chancellor:
 - USAC Virtual Learning Internship
 - Suspension of Service Learning for those Graduating in Fall 2020
 - Education Studies Name Change
 - Watershed Institute Name Change
 - At our last Executive Committee meeting we had a consult on the A&S search committee to suspend rules and allow one extra committee to enhance diversity on the committee
 - We should consider revising the rules for Dean-level searches
 - We consulted on the closure of the university for 11 days over Christmas/New Years
 - This will save us on heating costs
 - There will be no changes to Phillips Hall

- If teaching any Winterim classes, then reach out to LTS sooner than later because they may have reduced service during that time
 - Administration consulted with Barnes & Noble
 - Chancellor said they will be providing free shipping labels as well as reimburse the university for our extra costs
 - Administration may or may not renew the contract after the spring
 - Good news as staff may take a class and you should have gotten an email with all the details
 - Spring Break and the spring schedule
 - This brought up a cockamamie idea to have a Tuesday off in Feb, a Weds. in March, and a Thurs. off in April
 - The Executive Committee absolutely did not support this idea
 - The worst part is that it would actually create a lot of extra work for numerous faculty and staff so instead of getting a break they'd get a burden
 - Since the meeting Chair Weiher has heard about some other ideas with the best one to have both Tuesday and Thursday off in about week 7 and then have Weds. off the following week
 - Many would rather have no break
 - Spring Break
 - Comment made that we have to settle on a spring schedule really soon
 - For Nursing students this makes a difference, and it does have an impact
 - Provost Kleine on Spring Break
 - All concerns have been noted and tomorrow morning the deans and the vice chancellors will make a decision
- b) Academic Staff Representatives Report – Senator Case
- Met November 12th and the biweekly pay was discussed but that has since been resolved as implementation will not happen until July, so we now have more time to plan
 - Plans for each campus regarding post-Thanksgiving was also discussed
 - All but 3 campuses will be entirely virtual
 - Exceptions are Milwaukee, Green Bay and Oshkosh
 - We will meet again on December 4th

4) New Business

- a) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee
Course Registration Policy

Debate

- May be disallowed should be the wording
- This language needed its own location
- The bold markings on the motion indicate change
- The intention about it being independent would apply to all courses that have prerequisites
- The language is a warning, but we didn't share information on who they should go to if they are thinking about enrolling in a prerequisite
 - If a student is wanting to take a prerequisite course after the other course, then they would probably meet with an advisor
 - This language, without providing an avenue for who they should go to, does not allow them to interpret the passage
 - The system will not prevent a student from enrolling so the action would have to be from the department and the department chair; they can't just be automatically disallowed
 - This was intended to guard against abuses
 - An extra sentence to guide a student wouldn't hurt
- It would have to be an action taken by a faculty member as we are not policing this
- Students should talk with their advisor or talk with their instructor
- The links on the document don't work
- What if there is a disagreement between department and associate dean
 - We want to remember what our intent was
 - An associate dean would not get in the way of that
 - Judgement is usually deferred to the chair
 - Unenrollment is the associate college dean
- Should be disallowed by departments

MOTION to AMEND the wording as follows:Additional Department or College Restriction. Enrolling in a course that is a prerequisite for a course already passed may be disallowed by the department ~~or college~~ offering the course....., seconded

Debate on amendment

- Sometimes the department offering the course is not the same department that the student is in
 - If the language just states “department” then it could be either department
- Questioning if the students have the ability to appeal and if so, who does that go to
 - If we approve this language and it is appealed to the department then it creates a chain for an appeal
 - Departments consult with an associate dean to discover best course for the student
 - The norm is when an exception is needed that they ask the dept then the student is sent to the dean’s office
- This is to not include the more advanced students rather than those that aren’t advanced enough
- We have holes in the system, and this is trying to address this

VOTE on amendment: PASSED

Continued debate on motion as amended

- Students go back a retake courses for their GPA, so this is concerning

MOTION to send back to committee, seconded

Debate on motion to send back to committee

- Changes from the Senate floor are not always good so support sending it back
- This motion may need several sentences to address these concerns
- Needs to be expanded so there is not confusion

VOTE on MOTION to send back to committee: PASSED

- b) First Reading: Motion from the University Senate Academic Policies Committee Winterim Service-Learning Requirement Suspension
 - 25 students are graduating this winterim but 7 of those students have not fulfilled the service-learning requirement
 - Everything we are doing is virtual

Debate

- None

Without objection, we can suspend the rules and vote on this today

VOTE on MOTION: PASSED

5) Announcements

- The next meeting of the University Senate is scheduled for December 8, 2020
- Congratulations to Senator Glogowski for being a WISIS Innovator of the Year

Without objection, meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Secretary to the University Senate