Members Present:

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 pf 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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