

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

Minutes from March 2, 2021  
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Present: Jasmine Case, Chip Eckardt, Billy Felz, Abbey Fischer, Elizabeth Glogowski, Marquell Johnson, Bridget Kurtenbach, John Mann, Colleen Marchwick, Sean McAleer, Kelly Murray, Geoffrey Peterson, Kristin Schapp, Charlotte Sortedahl, Pedro Sottile, Ka Vang, Ryan Weichelt, Evan Weiher

Absent: Grace Crickette, Patricia Kleine, Jill Markgraf, James Schmidt

Guests: MJ Brukart, Mike Carney, Margaret Cassidy, Deb Jansen, Marc Goulet, Sadie Hamill, Debra Jansen, Teresa O' Halloran, Nichole Owen, Jean Pratt, Christina Prust, Katie Wilson

A meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Weiher at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 via online (Microsoft Teams) meeting.

- 1) Approval of the University Senate Executive Committee Minutes of February 16, 2021
  - Approved as amended
    - Approval of the US tentative agenda date changed to reflect February 23<sup>rd</sup>
- 2) Open Forum
  - No updates on the Bookstore
  - An Unconscious Bias “course” that someone took is using the terminology of DEI instead of EDI
    - Common terminology seems to be DEI so we should think about if we still want to use EDI
      - Where is UW System in terms of terminology as that is what we should stick with
      - Perhaps a regional aspect to the terminology
  - Technical schools offering AAS degrees
    - Aware that technical colleges are attempting to get authority to offer the Associate of Arts degrees
    - CVTC asked for the blessing of UWEC, Stout and River Falls and the Chancellor’s declined
    - This has also been a conversation with the Faculty Rep
      - Will be talking to System administration to see if we can see where this is going with them
  - Strategic Plan
    - Questioning if feedback only be from the survey or will Senate and Executive weigh in
    - UPC will be meeting with the full Senate next week
    - Might also be beneficial for UPC to meet with the Executive Committee
  - UW System President Search
    - The intent is to start a search late summer or early fall
    - I-President Thompson’s contract ends at the end of 2021 so hope to have someone in place before the end of the calendar year
    - The size and scope of the committee has not been announced
    - Depending on when the search starts there might also be a new regent president
  - Extra time for non-native speakers
    - Jasmine Case would be happy to help in the background of this “policy”
    - Might be housed in Languages and English as a second language program
    - Believe it is an E-Form request and that it has standardized criteria
    - It passed in Senate in February 2009
  - Caregiving Recommendations are still be worked on
- 3) Review of the tentative agenda for March 9, 2021 meeting of the University Senate
  - Approved as amended

- Removal of New Business Item “h)”
  - Remove Academic Staff Reps Report
  - Certificate will be moved to a For the Record Item
  - Like motion(s) will be combined
- 4) Discussion on the week of “Spring Break” and the upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday (March 30<sup>th</sup>)
- Plan is to move Senate back to its regular schedule and keep the last week in March as a 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday
- 5) Consultation with Administration on a revised EDI+SA Organizational Chart
- Changes presented today removed the supervisor over the TRIO grant programs so those programs would continue to report to the VC
  - Some reporting now reports to the Dean of Students
  - Health Education under EDI as part of their mission is education
    - Wanted to strengthen the new unit
    - Do not believe it was because we are contracting with Mayo
  - Nice to have this properly set up for the new incoming person
  - Racial and Restorative Justice
    - No staff hired into it yet
    - Committee has been charged so the structure will be figured out for that Center
    - Speaker series is organized by EDI+SA and funded through Foundation
  - “TBD” is not a separate director for that area
    - Will take out the directors and TBD's for a cleaner version
  - The Student Conduct area is confusing as it is more of a function
- 6) Announcements
- None

Meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Submitted by,  
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