

University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire
University Senate Executive Committee

Minutes from April 6, 2021
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Present: Jasmine Case, Grace Crickette, Chip Eckardt, Billy Felz, Abbey Fischer, Elizabeth Glogowski, Marquell Johnson, Bridget Kurtenbach, John Mann, Colleen Marchwick, Jill Markgraf, Sean McAleer, Kelly Murray, Geoffrey Peterson, Kristin Schaupp, James Schmidt, Charlotte Sortedahl, Pedro Sottile, Ka Vang, Ryan Weichelt, Evan Weiher

Absent: Patricia Kleine

Guests: MJ Brukart, Mike Carney, Margaret Cassidy, Debra Jansen, Teresa O'Halloran, Nicole Owen, Jill Prushiek

A meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Weiher at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 via online (Microsoft Teams) meeting.

- 1) Approval of the University Senate Executive Committee Minutes of March 2, 2021
 - Approved as distributed
- 2) Open Forum
 - Honor Lock anti cheating software
 - We are not using that product
 - There seems to be many problems with this program
 - To go alcoholic drinks are now allowed in WI
 - This could impact on underage drinking on campus
 - If we see an issue arise from this then it will be looked in to
 - The Grub Hub app allows purchase of booze and it can be charged to your Blugold account
 - Hibbard Lot to be used for vaccinations
 - Seems like a top-down decision
 - Consultation with shared governance should have been had
 - We are only the 2nd FEMA site in the state and Administration didn't love that it happened, but FEMA decided they needed that lot
 - If there is time, then Executive Committee will be consulted as future decisions are made
 - The amount of vaccines that will be given are on a much bigger scale than what we have been giving as we will be giving up to 1400 vaccinations per day
 - This is a challenging endeavor as there are many organizations involved as well as security, public health, working with the National Guard and the logistics of the vaccine itself, etc.
 - We will start with 700 vaccinations then in the third week we go to 1400
 - Concern that people pay a good amount of money for their parking
 - Rebates will be given
 - UWEC will try to make people as whole as they can
 - It might make sense to have the parking lot open in morning hours for faculty/staff as many are bringing materials, etc. to class/office
 - Phillips lot can also be repurposed and make the "s" spots both "f/s"
 - Monitoring of the lot will be discussed
 - Volunteering can happen during or outside of work time
 - Questioning if the parking lot can be used for those with disabilities
 - Hibbard parking lot will be used for clinic patrons
- 3) Review of the tentative agenda for April 13, 2021 meeting of the University Senate
 - Approved as distributed
- 4) Fall Reopening Plans
 - Some campuses are requiring students to be vaccinated in order to come back to campus

- If the policy in the fall is that students do not have to distance, wear masks or vaccinate then faculty are concerned
 - If students are coming back on campus, then UWEC should minimally mandate a mask
 - UWEC will follow the advice of the CDC and local health officials
- 5) Discussion on University Senate Executive Committee Membership Committee
- Senate isn't even fair with their representation as the ratio hasn't been updated in a number of years
 - Concern as many departments have more people than the Library or Barron County
 - The reality is that we are already over-representing some and under-representing others
 - So many other larger inequities are in need of being looked at so this needs to be a bigger discussion if we do decide to do anything
 - We already have trouble filling committees from some of the colleges
 - The library and Barron County are disenfranchised
 - By adding the library or Barron County it actually opens up the amount of eligible people available to be on a committee
 - The idea of more flexibility to the committees is enticing as it can solve some problems with vacancies
 - Exploring how we can get the most attendance and participation would be good
 - Clinicals are usually held on Tuesdays so that adds to the challenge of finding people
 - This needs further exploration
 - Each committee has been asked to look at their membership
 - There are some departments bigger than the library or Barron County, so it almost gives an overrepresentation to them
 - The Library not part of a college and it is not really known why
 - There might be a philosophical reason against adding the library to a college
 - Chair Weiher will work with senator Markgraf and Fischer to work on language to be brought back to the Executive Committee
- 6) Announcements
- None

Meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

Submitted by,
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