University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire
University Senate Executive Committee

Minutes from November 2, 2021
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Present: Jasmine Case, Grace Crickette, Billy Felz, Abbey Fischer, Kent Gerberich, Elizabeth Glogowski, Marquell Johnson, Patricia Kleine, John Mann, Colleen Marchwick, Jill Markgraf, Sean McAleer, Kelly Murray, Geoffrey Peterson, Kristin Schaupp, James Schmidt, Charlotte Sortedahl, Pedro Sottile, Ryan Weichelt, Evan Weiher

Absent: Olga Diaz

Guests: MJ Brukardt, Mike Carney, Margaret Cassidy, Debra Jansen, Teresa O’Halloran, Kelly Olson, Jean Pratt, Jill Prushiek, Kimera Way, Linda Young

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

1) Approval of the University Senate Executive Committee Minutes of October 19, 2021
   • Approved as distributed

2) Review of the tentative agenda for the November 9, 2021 meeting of the University Senate
   • Approved as distributed

3) Director to lead the newly established Center for Racial & Restorative Justice
   • This is a search for a position that will carry a working title of Director but not a “true” Director title
     • Although it is not titled as a Director position, due to the prominence of the position, VC Diaz decided to follow closely the Director process and rules for search committee makeup
     • After the nominees are in, VC Diaz will check in with the Academic Staff and Faculty Personnel Committees and with University Staff Council to consult on the potential search committee member
     • The committee will have the minimum number of members as prescribed in the FASRP process for Directors
       • We already have 19 volunteers and would like 5-9 on the search committee
       • All three personnel committees will be consulted
     • Official title is not a director, but they may have one or two direct reports in the future
     • You have to have two direct reports under TTC to qualify as a director but that is not the only requirement for the director status
     • This position has an official and a working title
       • Concern noted that a manager title may be less attractive to candidates
         • Teresa O’Halloran will consult with HR Director David Miller on the titling
           • A director title would advance our position
           • May also talk with TTC about the title of manager as it may be constraining us
     • If you have any ideas or concerns, please email Teresa O’Halloran

4) Upcoming Fifth Tuesday
   • November 30th is a 5th Tuesday
     • Any suggestions or comments please email Chair Weiher and Tanya Kenney
     • A break was suggested
     • Budget conversations could be had
       • November 30th VC Crickette would be available

5) Announcements
   • None
6) Open Forum
   - Concern about the BP Logic shutdown as that is when all the drop forms need to be accessed by the students
     - Concern that we will have a massive flood of these forms on December 1 and it will cause chaos in many departments and areas
     - Concern that DPC’s are also reviewing untenured faculty at that time
     - Comment that this is a really bad time to shut this down so questioning if there is any way to mitigate this and to postpone it
       - We are moving to the UW System cloud and if we have not transferred by December 1st then we will still have to pay for the System Cloud but then also pay BP Logic $35,000
       - We will get charged for it
       - Hoping we will not be down as long as the email stated
       - Kent Gerberich Met with VC Billy Felz today to figure out a plan
   - Bookstore fee
     - It is part of Follette’s fee structure as a pass-through charge (a charge to break even)
     - We can try to negotiate/renegotiate this fee in the future
     - Comment that it would also be nice to know their fee structure as it is not fair for students to have to pay that
   - Budget
     - Would be nice to know the revenue by college and where it goes
     - Migration is not included in the budget book
     - Want to know what colleges the net providers are as well as a general picture of how the money flows and where it goes
     - VC Crickette stated that we will keep building on the budget books and the FTE’s are broken down on System’s site
       - Email VC Crickette if you have interest in meeting with her
     - FTE’s can also be addressed in the frozen files
     - We use an incremental system
   - IRR and Textbooks Committee
     - Jill Markgraf recently joined that committee but additional information about this committee would be appreciated as this is an integral curricular committee so we should have a discussion on what our role is and what it should be
       - Student fees and how decisions are made
         - If looking at a new charter, then might be good to be ready with a response
           - System could do a presentation
           - Publishers are controlling as they do not have a high profit margin in publishing so they try to squeeze as much as they can

7) Consultation with the Chancellor/Administration regarding a nomination for an honorary degree. Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (c) the committee contemplates going into closed session for the purpose of discussion.

Without objection it was MOVED and seconded that the committee go into closed session under Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (c) for the purposes of discussion regarding a nomination for an honorary degree.

Motion PASSED without objection by Jasmine Case, Abbey Fischer, Kent Gerberich, Elizabeth Glogowski, Marquell Johnson, John Mann, Colleen Marchwick, Jill Markgraf, Sean McAleer, Kelly Murray, Geoffrey Peterson, Kristin Schaupp, Charlotte Sortedahl, Pedro Sottile, Ryan Weichelt, Evan Weiher

Meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Submitted by,
Tanya Kenney
Secretary of the University Senate