UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING
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February 8, 2022

Members Present:

Members Absent:
Jan Adams, Ari Anand, Donna Anders, Lisa Coen, Grace Crickette, Jeff DeGrave, Olga Diaz, Mary Elger-Lonzarich, Jeff Erger, Billy Felz, Christa Garvey, Jennifer Johns-Artisensi, Pat Kleine, John Mann, Sean McAleer, Bill Miller, Tamara Miller, Lisa Schiller, Charlotte Sortedahl, Andrew Buralski, Ryan Weichelt

Guests:
Mike Carney, Margaret Cassidy, Mary Hoffman, Jill Prushiek, Louisa Rice, Aleks Sternfeld-Dunn

The regular meeting of the University Senate was called to order by Chair Weiher at 3:03 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 in the Dakota Ballroom of Davies Center.

1) Approval of the University Senate December 14, 2021 minutes
   • Approved as amended
   • Correction to the attendance

2) Administrator Remarks
   • Thank you for the last two years
     • A $1,000 retention and contribution award was given recently, prorated on FTE as a thank you for all that you have done
   • Black History Month
   • You can live stream the Martin Luther King Jr celebration as well as take part in many other activities
   • UWEC has good news in that our fall to spring retention rate has returned to pre-covid levels
   • Retaining our students impacts the institution but it is also about helping us keep our promise to students in the experience and education that they expect from their Blugold degree
   • Campus visit days are happening so if Admissions has asked you to talk with a prospective student, please do what you can to help
   • We have been working to revamp our scholarship offers to remain competitive
   • We have also noticed a drop in MN students that are coming to UWEC
     • MN is upping their game in trying to retain their students
   • Thanks for helping the students get off to a great start
   • Reminder that you Blugold ID gets you and a friend into a game, and you also get discounts for concerts and etc.

3) Reports
   
a) Report from University Senate Chair Weiher
     • Over winterim, the chancellor talked with Chair Weiher about being a finalist
     • Chair Weiher was shocked that they offered the UW System President position to a lawyer who specializes in mergers with no experience in higher education
     • At the Executive Committee meeting we learned that the reps were asked to give feedback to the incoming System President as they transition

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• We also discussed why there was no open forum for the candidates
• We also had a conversation about TTC so will invite David Miller, HR and a counterpart at System to come and answer some questions
• TTC will be an ongoing challenge
  • Some have started writing new position descriptions
  • Believe that the process simply required forwarding a suggested new title & description to HR
• BOR fired a tenured professor at Platteville but apparently all proper procedures were followed
• Updating our senator names tags so they will be ready next meeting

b) Faculty Representatives Report – Senator Peterson
• Talking to System about the common application that System is using
  • Some programs are not listed on the Common System app as well as some programs that do not exist that are being listed
  • Academic Affairs at System got defensive but hoping that they will fix it
• Assembly Bill 884 specifies that, if any University of Wisconsin System institution requires that core general education courses include a course in diversity or ethnic studies, this requirement may be satisfied by a student's successful completion of a course in the U.S. Constitution, including the Bill of Rights
  • This may not get through, but it is yet to be seen
• New System president is not aware of higher education but he had good EDI and shared governance answers
  • The new President will not be taking office until June 1 so will have an interim president as of March 18
    • Mike Falbo will fill that position
      • Reps will be meeting with him
      • Hopeful that we will see a reasonable level of respect
    • Comment that an announcement on the new president was not shared with the universities
  • 11 candidates were interviewed with 5 names sent forward, then they took the list and had interviews, and then made a recommendation to the full board
    • Disheartened that who they selected had no higher education experience
      • Has been the pattern since about 2016 is that everything is unanimous and the “fighting” happens behind closed doors

c) Academic Staff Representatives Report – Senator Case
• The TTC appeal formal window closed February 4th
• Concerns about the lecturer titles and teaching titles
  • Some titles were reserved for Madison, but it is being discussed that when/if new titles are available then there will be another window open for people to appeal into those titles
• Conversations are ongoing
  • We will be given 3 sessions for TTC appeals training

d) For the Record
  Communication Sciences and Disorders for American Sign Language Certificate Rename

Without objection, this item will be entered For the Record

e) For the Record
  Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies program for Credit-Bearing Certificate Program: Women of Color Feminisms

Without objection, this item will be entered For the Record

f) For the Record
  Center for International Education [CIE] to close USAC Puntarenas, Costa Rica

Without objection, this item will be entered For the Record
g) For the Record

CIE add summer term for South Cross University in Lismore, Australia

Without objection, this item will be entered For the Record

4) Special Orders
   a) Nominations for University Senate and senators on University-Wide Committees

   Nominations taken from the floor of the 2/8/2022 University Senate meeting with elections taking place at the 2/22/2022 University Senate meeting

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meets alternate Tuesdays from 3-5 p.m.

(1) Academic Staff Senator vacancy

Term ends 2023

Any Area

Continuing Members:

Officers:
Evan Weiher, Chair
Kelly Murray, Vice Chair
Geoff Peterson, Political Science, Faculty Rep.
Jasmine Case, ARCC, Academic Staff Rep

Continuing members of the Executive Committee:
Sean McAleer, Philosophy & Religious Studies
Marquell Johnson, Kinesiology
Jill Markgraf, Library
Abbey Fischer, Barron County
John Mann, History
Colleen Marchwick, International Education
Charlotte Sortedahl, Nursing
Pedro Sottile, Accounting & Finance
Kristin Schaupp, Philosophy & Religious Studies
Ryan Weichert, Geography & Anthropology
Elizabeth Glogowski, Materials Science & Biomedical Engineering
Kent Gerberich, LTS

Nominees:
Academic Staff Senator:

UNIVERSITY SENATE ACADEMIC STAFF PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

2 vacancies
2 APAS Senator vacancies

(1) Term until 2022 (end of this academic year) and (1) term until 2024

Meets alternate Tuesdays from 2-3 p.m.

Vote Code: 5, 6, or 7

Continuing members:
Elected Senators:
Samantha Pearson, Nursing, APAS
Mary Elger-Lonzarich, Biology, IAS

Academic Staff Rep.:
Elected by Academic Staff at-large:
Craig Ernst, LTS, APAS
Lori Snyder, Geology, IAS
Pam Baughman, Accounting & Finance, APAS
Jeff DeGrave, Student Services, APAS

Nominees:
2022 APAS Senator:
2024 APAS Senator:

PHYSICAL PLANT PLANNING COMMITTEE
1 University Academic Staff Senator vacancy
Term ends 2024
Must be university academic staff senator

Continuing University Senate members:
Jim Boulter, Watershed
Jill Markgraf, Library
Linda Pratt, Housing & Residence Life
Gunnar Larson, Nursing

Continuing department members and US Council members:
Karen O’Day, Art & Design
Sean Hartnett, Geography
Paul Soden, Barron County
Bill Hoepner, LTS

Nominees:
University Academic Staff Senator:

COMPENSATION & BUDGET COMMITTEE
1 Vacancy
University Faculty Senator vacancy
Must be from with EHS or NHS
Term ends 2024
University Faculty Vote Code: 1 or 4

Continuing University Senate members:
Ellen Mahaffy, Communication & Journalism
Robert Berg, Mathematics
Tom Sulzer, LTS

Continuing members and US Council members:
Sasha Showsh, Biology
Linda Carlson, ARCC
Paula Collins, A&S
Brewer Doran, BUS
Kati Morley, Library
Sally Eckwright, LTS

Nominees:
EHS or NHS University Faculty Senator:

UNIVERSITY-WIDE NOMINATING COMMITTEE
1 University Academic Staff Senator Vacancy
Term ends 2023
Must be a University Academic Staff Senator

Vote Code: 5, 6, or 7

Nominees:
University Academic Staff Senator:

5) Unfinished Business
   - None

6) New Business
   a) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee
      Department of Languages to establish a new emphasis in Spanish – Spanish, Comprehensive Major –
      Teaching Spanish and TESOL
         • Aimed at students in the minor as well as Spanish students
         • TESOL minor is certifiable and open to students with k-12
         • 36-credit major
         • We started with this major but will have others

Debate
   - None

Objection to suspend the rules and vote on this today

Vote on Motion: POSTPONED

   b) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee
      Suspension of Teaching Licenses (attached):
      French, Minor – Teaching – MCEA Suspension
      French, Minor – Teaching – EAA Suspension
      German, Minor – Teaching – MCEA Suspension
      German, Minor – Teaching – EAA Suspension
      Spanish, Minor – Teaching – MCEA Suspension
      Proposal for Spanish, Minor – Teaching – EAA Suspension

Debate
   - None

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

Vote on Motion: PASSED

7) Announcements
   - The next meeting of the University Senate will be in person in the Dakota Ballroom and is scheduled for
     Tuesday, February 22nd
       • If something changes, we will let you know
       • The noise level in this room can be looked into

Without objection, meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tanya Kenney
Secretary to the University Senate