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UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING
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Members Present:

Members Absent:
Jan Adams, Ari Anand, Lisa Coen, Olga Diaz, Mary Elger-Lonzarich, Ashley Galoff, Rahul Gomes, Pat Kleine, Charlie Krula, Tamara Miller, James Schmidt

Guests:
MJ Brukardt, Margaret Cassidy, Mary Hoffman, Phillip Ihinger, Debra Jansen, Corry Mahnke, Carmen Manning, Karen Mumford, Leah Olson-McBride, Jean Pratt, Jill Prushiek, Louisa Rice, Casey Rozowski, Jim Seliya, Aleks Sternfeld-Dunn, Sarah Vitale, Kimera Way, Jake Wrasse

The regular meeting of University Senate was called to order by Chair Weiher at 3:01 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 via online Teams meeting.

1) Approval of the University Senate April 12, 2022 minutes
   - Approved as amended
     A misspelling was corrected

2) Administrator Remarks – Kimera Way
   - Yesterday we had a momentous project and had the groundbreaking for the County Materials Complex, which will include the John and Carolyn Sonnetag Fieldhouse, the Sonnetag Event Center and the Mayo Clinic Health System Diagnostic Imaging and Sports Medicine Center as well as a Springhill Hotel and Restaurant
     The project is now underway, and we are planning on having UWEC commencement there in May of 2024
     The events center will replace Zorn Arena and it will have capacity to hold up to 5000 people
     It will accommodate multiple types of events, including being home to the university’s men’s and women’s basketball games and other athletic tournaments, indoor concerts and other entertainment or sports events
     The complex also will have a 15,000-16,000 square foot center for health, fitness and wellbeing that is open for students and will also have memberships available for faculty and staff and in the fieldhouse there will be office spaces for those in the athletic department who are currently housed in Brewer Hall
     Last week we announced approximately $12 million in funding from Pablo Foundation, the city of Eau Claire and our students to support sustainability in the building
     The events center and the fieldhouse will be carbon neutral and will be powered by geothermal and will be totally electric as it we will be linking to the Xcel solar connect field that they’re constructing
     We anticipate that we will be drawing about 5 megawatts of power from their solar facility
     Applying for lead certifications and hope to get to the gold level as well as applying for well certification
     Funding for the facility will be announced in December that John and Carolynn Sonnetag are providing $40 million in philanthropy and the city is contributing $8 million in direct support for the

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construction and sustainability with some ongoing support for the property taxes and the construction financing with the universities lease and operational revenue as well as a $90 per student fee increase to support this facility
  • Zorn, Brewer and Kjer Theatre will be torn down once this project is completed and online
  • The land will be land banked initially for future development for the university
  • There will also be an academic component in sustainability of this building

3) Reports
  a) Report from University Senate Chair Weiher
     • On April 12, 2022 the senate leadership had our monthly meeting with the chancellor
       • Mike Carney was there as acting Provost
       • I don’t usually share too much from those meetings, but I did bring up the added stress of the ongoing requirement to pitch formally argue for faculty lines
     • Last week at Senate Executive Committee
       • 10-minute open forum had no items for the first time that I recall
         • That portion of the agenda often lasts a half hour
       • We discussed changes in membership in the University Planning Committee and we did recommend approving the motion for full senate so that will be introduced today
     • Chair Weiher health update: On Friday he had a successful surgery, Ureteral Stricture Surgery using robotic laparoscopy
  b) For the Record: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee
     USAC Khon, Kaen, Thailand

Without objection, this item will be entered For the Record

4) Unfinished Business
  • None

5) New Business
  a) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee

    Consent Agenda item:

    Redirecting Secondary Teaching Emphases to Entitled Majors

Debate
  • None

WITHOUT objection we will suspend the rules and vote on this today

VOTE on MOTION: APPROVED

b) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee
Public Health and Environmental Studies Program for Academic Department Designation
  • Concern that there is no template out there on how to do this
    • APC could potentially look at a template for procedures in the future
  • Definitions for a programs versus departments: A department needs 4 faculty to have a senator
  • Programs that do well usually have a successful program then they go for departmental designation
  • FASRP doesn’t state functional differences based on duties and responsibilities so that could be looked at as well if this is undertaken

Debate
  • None
WITHOUT objection we will suspend the rules and vote on this today

VOTE on MOTION: APPROVED

c) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee
Department of Geology for Rename
- Environmental studies: two departments have that in their name so will students be confused
  - There will be a link to the various departments that have that environmental piece so there is a distinction
    - It will be nice to have that connection
  - Strong sense that with many programs there will be a higher degree of coordination, and this will be a benefit to our students
  - We should be cautious in the use of the names we select
    - There are advantages and disadvantages to the name changes

Debate
- None

WITHOUT objection we will suspend the rules and vote on this today

VOTE on MOTION: APPROVED

d) First Reading: Motion from the University Senate Executive Committee
University Planning Committee (UPC) Membership

Debate
- Representation matters less on how many people are from which/where than on who is chosen
- Difficult to fill roles on committees already so is concerning with the increase
  - UPC has never had a problem filling positions
  - We are trying to include Barron as they are already invited participant as well as include all divisions

WITHOUT objection we will suspend the rules and vote on this today

VOTE on MOTION: POSTPONED

6) Announcements
- A transcript was started by a member of Senate for his notes
  - If you are planning on being involved in our commencement ceremony to let Corry Mahnke know by May 8th so a seat can be saved - robes are the responsibility of the faculty member, but the department might have robes that you can use
  - The last meeting of the academic year for the University Senate is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Without objection, meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tanya Neary
Secretary to the University Senate