University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire
University Senate Executive Committee

Minutes from September 6, 2022
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Present: Jasmine Case, Grace Crickette, Olga Diaz, Billy Felz, Abbey Fischer, Kent Gerberich, Elizabeth Glogowski, Marquell Johnson, Patricia Kleine, John Mann, Colleen Marchwick, Jill Markgraf, Sean McAleer, Kelly Murray, Kristin Schaupp, James Schmidt, Charlotte Sortedahl, Pedro Sotille, Ryan Weichelt, Evan Weiher

Absent: Nichole Miller, Geoffrey Peterson

Guests: MJ Brukardt, Mike Carney, Margaret Cassidy, Marc Goulet, Mary Hoffman, Debra Jansen, Corry Mahnke, Teresa O’Halloran, Nicole Owen, Jean Pratt, Jill Prushiek, Louisa Rice, Aleks Sternfeld-Dunn, Jake Wrasse

A meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Weiher at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 via online (Microsoft Teams) meeting.

1) Approval of the University Senate Executive Committee Minutes of August 8, 2022
   - Approved as distributed

2) Discussion of Order of Business for the 59th Session of University Senate
   - Approved without objection

3) Review of the tentative agenda for September 13, 2022 meeting of the University Senate
   - Elections will be monitored with a brief explanation from the Chair on expectations of voting and meetings
   - Approved without objection

4) Open Forum
   - Concern over the changes in insurance carrier(s) as open enrollment is coming up in October
     - Another provider will be picking up the Mayo connection
     - VC Crickette will follow-up
   - UW System Promise
     - UW System covering the first $13.5 million then the legislature will hopefully pick up the remaining
     - This was not funded by the legislature last year
     - Comment that we should downsize System operations then we would have enough base funding to afford this
     - The greatest value of this announcement it tells low-income students that the tuition and fees are covered
     - Schools should be prepared to serve these students well
     - It instills some sense of hope
     - Concern over “must have worked over the last year” to be eligible for this Promise
       - Any work or odd job meets this requirement
   - Hiring is always difficult
     - We cannot compete in our offers
     - We are 10-25% below so it is a real source of debate
       - President Rothman listed compensation as a priority so he put in 4% & 4% increase so it will at least be in the discussion
     - Comment that tuition assistance for employees would be a selling point
       - What is allowed in the law is reimbursement
     - We want to remain relative so are working on a spring semester announcement
       - Working on compliance and procedure issue
       - More to come on this
   - Budget conversation(s)
• Budget forums will be had to keep people updated
• Monthly budget manager meetings
• VC Crickette may offer a series of education and trainings
• VC Crickette would also love to be invited to any budget discussions
• LTS wireless network problems
  • We have 1600 access points on our campus and recently had a significant expansion of controllers and the software
  • That software was not properly configured so we hopefully have that configured properly now so we should be in a stable environment moving forward
  • LTS took 45 minutes to figure out what was going on and what the scope of it was then a notification was sent to the campus community

5) FASRP Update
  • Still waiting on the delivery of the updated FASRP’s

6) Announcements
  • None

7) Consultation with Administration regarding proof-of-concept reorganization in Office of Provost. 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.

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, Kristin Schaupp, Charlotte Sortedahl, Pedro Sottile, Ryan Weichelt, Evan Weiher

Meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Submitted by,
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Secretary of the University Senate