



Members:

Representation	Term Expires 2007	Term Expires 2008	Term Expires 2009
<i>CAFES</i>	Bob Baker	Laine Vignona	
<i>CAS</i>	Wes Chapin	Patricia Berg	Peter Johansson (Cecilia Bustamante)
	Larry Harred	John Heppen	
	Barbara Werner		
<i>COEPS</i>		Ogden Rogers	Michael Miller
<i>CBE</i>			Glenn Potts
<i>4th Division</i>	Cara Rubis	Gregg Heinselman	Sarah Egerstrom (George Hansen)
<i>At Large</i>		Brenda Boetel (Jr)	Melissa Wilson (Jr)
	Karl Peterson (Jr)	Dawn Hukai (Sr)	John Walker (Sr)
	Nan Jordahl (Sr) (Bonnie Walters)		Terry Ferris (Sr)
	Charlie Hurt*		

* Chancellor's Designee

** Absent

() Substitute

Call to Order: W. Chapin called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

Seating of Substitutes: Cecilia Bustamante for Peter Johansson, George Hansen for Sarah Egerstrom, Bonnie Walters for Nan Jordahl.

Guests: Joe Eggers, president of Student Senate; Ian Williams, Chair of General Education Committee.

Approval of Minutes: Bob Baker moved and Karl Peterson seconded the approval of the minutes from September 6, 2006. The minutes were approved.

Chair's Report:

- Wes Chapin announced that next week on the agenda will be the streamlined goals and committee structure for strategic planning. Wes also announced that UWS 7 was defeated by the faculty senates at UW-Whitewater and UW-Oshkosh.

Other Reports:

- Joe Eggers from Student Senate reported that all Strategic Planning committees will have at least one student representative and encouraged Senators to encourage student participation in student governance.
- Ian Williams from the General Education Committee made a report on the status of General Education course evaluation and assessment. Classes are beginning to come back for assessment, and that the goal of the General Education committee is to help people do it right and to have goals and outcomes and criteria be available and transparent for everyone. He also responded to questions and stated in response that there is a need for ethical citizenship and multi-disciplinary courses.
- Karl Peterson from the Calendar Committee reported that given the constraints of the balanced calendar and state law a Fall Break is not possible. Terry Ferris asked about the possibility of 50 minute periods and Karl Peterson responded that is an issue they can look at and that the APP committee could look at it also.

Unfinished Business:

Proposal 1 to bring to the Senate floor the Assessment Committee proposal to approve the Assessment Plan Elements document and the rubric for Evaluating Assessment Plans was moved by Barbara Werner, seconded by Glenn Potts, and approved by general consent.

A motion to refer the Assessment Plan Elements document and the rubric for Evaluating Assessment Plans to the Assessment Committee for further consideration, including but not limited to:

- a. The requirements for specific numbers of direct and indirect measures;
- b. The inconsistencies in the language between the document and the rubric;
- c. The incorporation of insights gained through the recent faculty development session on assessment with Barbara Walvoord.

was made by Bob Baker and seconded Glenn Potts. Terry Ferris offered a friendly amendment to include part d. to return the reporting process documents with the evaluation and assessment plans document. The friendly amendment was accepted. Terry Ferris asked was it necessary to have that many categories in the rubric since it seems that it currently goes beyond what was discussed in the workshops by Barbara Walvoord. Charlie Hurt replied that they are working to make sure that happens. Ogden Rogers noted the need for an assessment process that incorporates each program's unique goals. Charlie Hurt stated that an assessment plan needs to be in place by the end of the semester and that by the end of spring semester there needs to be data and the data needs

to be used because it's the right thing to do. The motion as amended was passed unanimously and was referred back to the Assessment Committee with a note of thanks and appreciation for the hard work done by the committee.

New Business:

Proposal 2: A motion from the Calendar Committee to approve the 2007-2008 Academic Calendar was made by Ogden Rogers and seconded by Bob Baker. Karl Peterson offered a friendly amendment striking the line Study day from the Spring and Fall calendar. The friendly amendment was accepted. The motion was approved unanimously.

Proposal 3: A motion from the Senate to authorize the establishment of an ad hoc committee, The Handbook Review Committee, with the following considerations,

1. The Faculty Senate chair shall serve as chair of this body,
2. The Senate shall appoint two additional members to this body (Ogden Rogers and Karen Klyczek),
3. The Chancellor shall appoint two additional members to this body,
4. All members shall be full voting members,
5. This body shall make recommendations to the Senate regarding revisions of Chapter I of the *Faculty and Academic Staff Handbook*,
6. This body shall make further recommendations to clarify in writing the appropriate methods that shall be used to amend the *Handbook*,
7. The chair shall report regularly to the Senate,
8. All recommendations from this body shall be forwarded to the Senate for full consideration.

was made by Barbara Werner and seconded by Karl Peterson. The motion passed unanimously.

Proposal 4: A motion to adopt a resolution from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee on the Draft Resolution of the Several Faculties of the University of Wisconsin System; The Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System proposes an order to amend UWS 2.02 and to create ch. UWS 7, relating to procedures for dismissal of faculty in special cases was made by Bonnie Walters and seconded by Laine Vignona. Concerns were expressed about academic freedom, civil liberties, and restitution if a faculty member was cleared of all charges. The motion was defeated unanimously.

A motion to adopt a resolution from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee was made by Charlie Hurt and seconded by Ogden Rogers. The resolution was presented to read:

“Whereas, the board and the several faculties agree that prompt and expedited attention to such cases of serious criminal activity best serves the state, its citizens, the university, the faculty, and the faculty member concerned; and

Whereas, s. 36.13 (3), Wisconsin Statutes, provides:

RULES. The board and its several faculties after consultation with appropriate students shall promulgate rules for tenure and probationary appointments, for the review of faculty performance and for the nonretention and dismissal of faculty members. Such rules shall be promulgated under ch. 227 [Wisconsin Statutes]; and,

Whereas, s. 36.13(5), Wisconsin Statutes, provides:

PROCEDURAL GUARANTEES. Any person having tenure may be dismissed only for just cause and only after due notice and hearing. Any person having a probationary appointment may be dismissed prior to the end of the person's contract term only for just cause and only after due notice and hearing. The action and decision of the board in such matters shall be final, subject to judicial review under ch. 227 [Wisconsin Statutes]. The board and its several faculties shall develop procedures for the notice and hearing which shall be promulgated by rule under ch. 227[Wisconsin Statutes]; and,

Whereas, the board and the several faculties of the University of Wisconsin System affirm the importance and necessity of working together to develop rules relating to faculty dismissal; and

Whereas, the board and the several faculties believe that in cases involving serious criminal activity the proposed UWS 7 is appropriate in, among other things, specifying just cause for dismissal, ensuring due process, and protecting academic freedom;

Whereas, the board and the several faculties of the University of Wisconsin System endorse the importance and necessity of rules that will deal effectively with those infrequent cases when faculty members are involved in serious criminal activity that substantially impairs the safety, operation, or integrity of the university; and,

Therefore, be it resolved that the faculty of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls affirms its agreement and support of the principles of shared governance.”

An amendment to the resolution to strike Whereas, the board and the several faculties believe that in cases involving serious criminal activity the proposed UWS 7 is appropriate in, and to move among other things, specifying just cause for dismissal, ensuring due process, and protecting academic freedom; up to the end of the preceding paragraph was made by Barbara Werner and seconded by Patricia Berg. The motion to amend was passed by a majority vote. The resolution as amended was passed with 21 in favor; 0 opposed; and 1 abstention.

Adjournment: Barbara Werner moved and John Heppen seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Heppen
Secretary of the UW-River Falls Faculty Senate