



Minutes of the UWRF Faculty Senate for November 8, 2006

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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
	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
<i>At Large</i>		Brenda Boetel (Jr) (Nate Splett)	Melissa Wilson (Jr)
	Karl Peterson (Jr)	Dawn Hukai (Sr)	David Rainville (Sr)
	Nan Jordahl (Sr)		Terry Ferriss (Sr)**
	Charlie Hurt* **		

* Chancellor's Designee

** Absent

() Substitute

Call to Order: W. Chapin called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m in the Regents Room of the Student Center.

Seating of Substitutes: Nate Splett for Brenda Boetel

Guests: Dan Vande Yacht, Kurt Liechtle, Brad Mogen, Ian Williams

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of November 1, 2006 were approved and corrected by general consent.

Chair's Report:

- Wes Chapin reported that he will make a budget request to the administration for more financial support for Faculty Senate. It may include reassignment time for faculty, support staff, and student workers for the Faculty Senate and Faculty Senate Committees. The Faculty Senate may have to meet over the upcoming summer to attend to matters It is written in the by-laws that the Faculty Senate

meets during the summer as necessary and that a budget request for next year may have to include funding for summer meetings.

- The upcoming reps meeting will address UWS-7 and criminal background checks.
- The faculty senate, based on a report from Kristen Hendrickson, will reapportion seats for the next faculty senate. CAFES will remain at 2 seats, Arts and Sciences will lose one seat and go down to 5 seats, COEPS will remain at 2 seats, CBE will remain at 1 seat and Fourth Division will gain one seat to go up to 4 seats.
- The faculty senate may need to address terminology in regard to the Fourth Division.
- There is a problem with the university not having enough seats for students wishing to fulfill the Multi-Disciplinary requirement of general education and the senior capstone requirement for the Spring and possible future semesters. Bob Baker and other senators stated a possible solution is to provide more sections and staffing for those courses.

Other Reports:

Dan Vande Yacht Registrar, passed out contact information for the staff in the Registrar's Office and announced new projects concerning an eSiS upgrade, scheduling software, and enrollment and graduation verification.

Kurt Leichtle from Academic Standards reported that the committee is working through charges 2,3,4, and 5 in addition to other issues.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

Proposal 1: A motion from the Academic Standards Committee to replace section 8.2.20 of Chapter VIII Academic Standards, Procedures and Policies of the *UW-River Falls Faculty/Academic Staff Handbook* with the language below, and to have the Registrar's Office format the attached form to be consistent with UWRF forms was made by Barbara Werner and seconded by Dawn Hukai. Kurt Leichtle spoke to the issue. Kurt Leichtle reported that currently there are about 100 retakes a semester and that only about 10 percent of them are illegal retakes and other schools and systems have varied retake policies. Nan Jordahl made a Friendly Amendment to strike the word your from paragraph two of the new proposed language, which was accepted. Karl Peterson asked if there was a way to discourage students from retaking courses. Concerns were expressed on subsidizing and the resources taken by students retaking courses. Kurt Leichtle replied that with programs having GPA requirements students with C- grades or even higher

want to boost their GPA. The motion passed with 14 yes votes, 3 no votes and 2 abstentions.

Proposal 2: First reading of a joint motion from General Education and Academic Program and Policy Committees to amend Section A.4 and Section K.2.g of Article III Standing Committees of 3.3 Faculty Bylaws in Chapter III Organization of the Faculty and Staff of the *UW-River Falls Faculty/Academic Staff Handbook*. Ian Williams spoke to the issue and stated that there were no objections from AP&P. Karl Peterson pointed some minor corrections to the proposal which were acknowledged.

Proposal 3: First reading of A motion from Faculty Welfare and Personnel Policies Committee encouraging the Human Resources unit at UWRF to incorporate the Committee's recommended revisions into the final draft of the campus Criminal Background Check policy. Brad Mogen spoke to the issue.

Proposal 4: First reading of a motion from the Executive Committee. The University of Wisconsin–River Falls Senate recommends that the Board of Regents adopt a comprehensive policy requiring that all UW institutions conduct criminal background checks on new hires, and that each institution shall use its governance process to adopt criminal background check implementation policies and procedures, and that each institution will submit its plan to the UW System General Counsel and UW System Office of Human Resources for review and approval. Brad Mogen spoke to the issue. Brad Mogen stated that the System was trying to implement two types of criminal background checks and FWPP was investing this process. Questions were asked on the necessity of this process, the cost of the process to departments, and the purpose of this discussion and the discussion at the reps meeting. It was stated that some positions already have criminal background checks and that unless faculty governance is involved in this issue in some way, faculty will have no input into the process.

New Business Miscellaneous:

Chair Wes Chapin asked for a motion to suspend the usual rules in order to introduce a motion in the form of Proposal 5. Karl Peterson made a motion to suspend the usual rules and Ogden Rogers seconded it. There was no objection to suspending the usual rules.

Proposal 5: John Heppen introduced the following motion: **The Senate moves to request that the General Education Chair and the Provost jointly approve, on a temporary basis, additional existing courses for the Multi-Disciplinary category in General Education and the Senior Capstone categories.** David Rainville seconded the motion. Ian Williams spoke to the issue. Bob Baker asked if this should be a specific or general motion. Ian Williams replied if a specific motion does not work we may be trapped in a cycle. Nan Jordahl asked why not increase the number of sections for senior capstone courses. Ogden Rogers offered a Friendly Amendment to add this authority will last two semesters and come back for review to the faculty senate. The Friendly Amendment was accepted. Karl Peterson offered a Friendly Amendment to strike the words Senior Capstone. The Friendly Amendment was accepted. Nan Jordahl offered a

Friendly Amendment to add and to call upon the administration to staff more sections of existing senior capstone courses. It was accepted. The motion with friendly amendments was read to the Faculty Senate to read **The senate moves to request that the General Education Committee Chair and the Provost jointly approve on a temporary basis additional existing courses for the multi-disciplinary category and that this authority will last two semesters and come back for review to the Faculty Senate and to call upon the administration to staff more sections of existing senior capstone courses.** The motion passed by a vote of 16 yes and 1 no.

Adjournment: John Heppen made a motion to adjourn at 5:15pm and Glenn Potts seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by general consent.