



Minutes of the UWRF Faculty Senate for February 3, 2010 Vol. 34 No. 11.

Representation	Term Expires 2010	Term Expires 2011	Term Expires 2012
CAFES	Kris Hiney	Laine Vignona	
CAS	Wes Chapin	Patricia Berg** (Andris Straumanis)	David Rainville
	Karl Peterson	John Heppen	
		Jennifer Willis-Rivera	
COEPS		Hilary Pollack** (Ken Ecker)	Todd Savage
CBE			Hossein Najafi
4th Division	Kristie Feist	Valerie Malzacher	Barbara Stinson
	Kristen Hendrickson		
At Large		Kathleen Hunzer	Robyne Tiedeman
	Michelle Parkison** (Mialisa Moline)	Dennis Cooper	Marshall Toman
	David Furniss		Dawn Hukai
	Fernando Delgado*		

* Chancellor's Designee

** Absent

() Substitute

Call to Order: David Rainville called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

Seating of Substitutes: Mialisa Moline for Michelle Parkinson, Ken Ecker for Hilary Pollack, and Andris Straumanis for Pat Berg

Recognition of Invited Guests: Dean Van Galen

Approval of Minutes:

November 18, 2009. Dawn Hukai moved to approve and was seconded by John Heppen. Corrections – Barbara Stinson, Kristen Hendrickson and Valerie Malzacher were not seated rather than absent.

Minutes were approved 21:0:0.

December 15, 2009. Barbara Stinson moved to approve and was seconded by Valerie Malzacher. Minutes were approved 21:0:1.

Chair's Report:

I want to start off by thanking you for being here today and I also want to wish each of you a successful semester ahead of you as we finish this year.

I have little to report as little has transpired since our last meeting.

The Board of Regents did meet early on last month to discuss collective bargaining. They went into closed session so I cannot report on their activities. I can tell you that they had been approached by leadership of AFT-Wisconsin and TAUWP with respect to neutrality on collective bargaining by UWS. UWS Administration has always claimed it is neutral with respect to collective bargaining, while AFT-Wisconsin contends that its actions often are not those of a neutral entity.

I will be attending the BOR meeting in Madison this Thursday and Friday and expect to leave directly after this meeting. The agenda is online, but the main item which concerns me is the Differential Tuition Proposal of UW-Eau Claire. In addition, there is discussion of the UWS Growth agenda. I am also certain that the issue of collective bargaining will surface either officially or unofficially.

On Friday afternoon, The Regents will move into closed session to discuss/approve some personnel matters including a nomination for an honorary doctorate by UWRF through our External relations Committee.

As all of you know, the constitutional referendum last December was not approved, The vote was: 61 approve, 112 disapprove, 3 abstained, and 41 ballots were improperly submitted. The Executive Committee met last Wednesday and did not act to formulate a committee to look into constitutional issues. It will meet next Wednesday with the intent of moving forward with establishment of the committee. I have received some nominations from Gretchen Link, Chair of the Academic Staff Council. If anyone wants to nominate anyone, I would appreciate receiving names by Tuesday of next week.

Another item is that I need to address is the need for faculty to serve on the differential tuition committee. I have been re asked to appoint someone and I would appreciate the help of any of you who would like to participate.

I met with John Heppen and an applicant for the LTE position for Faculty Senate yesterday. This person was the only person who has applied. Based on her credentials and past work in the Chancellor's Office, she will be made an offer shortly if not already. I expect to make an announcement on Monday saying that she is on board and we can now start sending agendas and minutes to her for posting on our web site.

I want to thank Lisa Stratton for an exemplary job working for Faculty Senate and I wish her continued success in her new position within University Communications.

Finally, I want to inform this body that I will not be a candidate for the position of Chair of Faculty Senate next year. I hope that a highly qualified candidate or candidates will step forward to chair this organization next year. I will be willing to work with them as much as possible during the transition. With that said, if no one steps forward, or this body is unable to find a candidate, I might be draft able. I do believe however, that three years is enough and it is time for change.

This completes my report.

The Faculty Senate will be taking a picture with Chancellor Van Galen the next senate meeting. Dress accordingly.

Vice Chair's Report:

Other Reports: Dean Van Galen

Chancellor Van Galen spoke on three items; High Impact Educational Practices, the State Budget overlook and 3. Educational Attainment.

Chancellor Van Galen referred to a publication on High Impact Educational Practices that had been distributed to all members of Faculty Senate. All were encouraged to read the publication. He also discussed the capital campaign as it effects the strategic plan. The Foundation will be leading the campaign and is conducting a campaign readiness audit. Ideally long term funding priorities as well as potential donors will be identified. This is a long term project and those involved should think institutionally rather than about short term goals.

There currently appears to be no need for a state budget repair bill at the moment, but this could certainly change. There does appear to be a \$200 million lapse for this biennium. If distributed equally among state systems, this would amount to a \$468,000 cut to UWRF. On February 16 there will be a group called Momentum West which is a 10 county group formed out of Western Wisconsin to represent this areas needs in Madison. We, as well as UW Stout and Eau Claire, fall under this region. The group will be advocating for many items, including our HHP project as well as trying to maintain tuition reciprocity with Minnesota. Finally, the 10 gubernatorial candidates will all be invited to hold a forum on campus, without selecting for a political party alignment.

Finally the Chancellor spoke about Educational Attainment, which is a program implemented by UW System to try and increase the number of bachelors and associates degrees held by residents in Wisconsin. Currently we are 29th in national rank, and 26% of adults hold bachelors degrees. The program is similar to the Growth Agenda of past years. System has requested a 15 year projected enrollment plan be completed by all campuses by February 17th which the Chancellors in the system will all discuss on February 26th. Plans will be finalized and the Regents will discuss and present the goals

to the public by April. Ideally System would like to target adult learners, increase the retention rates, and offer more on-line classes and programs. There may also be some type of incentive fund which may link pay/funding with bachelors degrees produced by the university. A working group has been established that will look at past trends to aid in constructing the draft. It was encouraged to have some governance oversight in the process.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of the appointment of David Keuhl and Jim Madsen to the Master Plan Coordinating Group. These appointments were made by the Executive Committee but need to be confirmed by Faculty Senate.
2. Approval of the appointment of Robin Murray (co chair), Jim Graham, Michele McKnelly, Stacy Vollmers, Kristin Tjornehoj, and Hilary Pollack to the Inaugural Working Group for the Inauguration of Chancellor Van Galen on March 26, 2010.

David Furniss moved to accept the consent agenda and Todd Savage seconded. It was approved 22:0:0.

New Business: none

Miscellaneous New Business: none

Dennis Cooper moved for adjournment, and was seconded by John Heppen. There was no dissention.

Adjournment at 4:10 p.m.