The 2012-2013 Senate Executive Committee met on October 15 at 2:30 p.m. in 353 KFA.

Call to Order
Senate Chair Wes Chapin called the meeting to order at 2:35 pm

Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the October 1, 2012 meeting were approved with no objections.

Reports
Chair’s Report:
The UWRF Foundation board confirmed that the senate chair serving as ex-officio may vote on the Foundation board.

According to the Board of Regents “faculty, academic staff and limited appointees” are entitled to 3.5 paid leave days and an additional day of paid leave in recognition of Veterans Day each fiscal year as non-cumulative personal holidays. Decision to ask FWPP to examine whether sections 5.7, 5.8 and 5.9 of faculty handbook contradict this policy.

Second Reading/Postponements
1. Faculty Compensation Committee description change will appear as a second reading on the October 24 senate agenda.

Unfinished Business

1. Motion from the Executive Committee (Wes Chapin, Chair) acting as the Committee on Committees to charge…with the creation and maintenance of a University Syllabus Page that would be referred to by faculty on their actual syllabi and form an official part of the informative process of each faculty member’s syllabus. BACKGROUND: The motion from the Affirmative Action Advisory Committee (Jennifer Borup, Chair), Disability Committee (Florence Monsour, Chair), and the Diversity and Inclusivity Committee (Cyndi Kernahan, Chair) to place several statements on a University Syllabus Page passed at the May 2 meeting intentionally did not address the creation or maintenance of a University Syllabus Page.

No action taken
2. Motion from the Executive Committee (Wes Chapin, Chair) to delete the Re-classification Committee from Chapter II of the Faculty and Academic Staff Handbook.

2.6.7 Re-classification Committee

The Re-classification Committee's purpose is to review all requests for re-classification from 'classified' to 'academic staff' or from 'academic staff' to 'classified'. After the review, the Committee will submit its recommendation regarding the request to the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. The Committee is comprised of the Special Assistant to the Chancellor, who will act as the Committee's Chair; the Chairs of the Faculty Senate, the Faculty Welfare and Personnel Policies Committee and the Academic Staff Council; the Director of Human Resources; and the Assistant to the Chancellor for Equity, Compliance, and Affirmative Action.

Removed from agenda.

New Business

1. Motion from the Executive Committee (Wes Chapin, Chair) acting as the Committee on Committees to approve the following committee membership appointments.

Academic Program and Policy Committee
At-large, 2012-2015 (replacing Anthony Varghese):

Affirmative Action Advisory Committee
At-large, 2012-15:

Assessment Committee
CEPS, 2012-15:
CEPS, 2011-14:

Faculty Welfare and Personnel Policies Committee
At-large, 2012-15 (replacing Magdalena Pala):

Chancellor’s Task Force on a Campus Tobacco Policy (work to be done this fall)
Academic Staff (nominated by Acad. Staff Council):
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Institutional Competition Committee
At-large, 2012-15 (replacing Magdalena Pala):

Program Audit and Review Committee
At-large Faculty, 2012-2015
Hilary Pollack, COEPS
Motion will be added to the October 24 senate agenda.

2. Resolution from the Faculty Welfare and Personnel Policies Committee (David Rainville, Chair) regarding faculty/staff and family tuition reimbursement.

Faculty/Staff and Family Tuition Reimbursement/Remission Resolution

WHEREAS recruitment and retention of quality UW faculty and academic staff has become increasingly difficult, given that salaries are significantly behind peer institutions, and given that benefits have been downgraded; and

WHEREAS many of the institutions competing with UWRF for quality faculty and academic staff offer tuition reimbursement or remission for families of faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS the UW System Competitive University Workforce Commission’s final report in June 2010 recommends consideration of “tuition remission and/or tuition assistance programs for employees, spouses, partners, and dependents”; and

WHEREAS the Association of American Universities states: “Tuition remission is widely available and used in every type of university and college by employees in all occupation groups…. Tuition remission benefits help offset the lower compensation levels offered by universities and colleges relative to the private sector….. Tuition remission helps universities and colleges attract and retain these bright and talented individuals who, in turn, serve the public interest through teaching and conducting research.”

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the UW-River Falls Faculty Senate calls on the UWRF Administration, the UW Board of Regents, and the Wisconsin State Legislature to create a UW tuition waiver, remission and tuition assistance program for UW employees, spouses, partners, and dependents.

Will be added to agenda for October 24.

3. Motion from the Academic Program and Policy Committee (James Zimmerman, Chair) to change its description. (Note: proposed language is below)

Academic Program and Policy Committee

1. Membership: Nine faculty (at least three of whom are members of the graduate faculty), the Provost and Vice Chancellor or the Provost and Vice Chancellor’s designee, four students, and the Registrar or his/her designee (non-voting – FS 08/09 #22)
2. Term of office: three years for faculty, one-third to be appointed each year; one year for students.
3. Duties:
a. to establish the goals and objectives of the undergraduate curriculum of the University
b. to establish the goals and objectives of the graduate curriculum of the University in consultation with the Graduate Studies Curriculum Committee
c. to examine and evaluate the overall curriculum of the University for possible improvements, to recommend revisions, and to initiate suggestions for study and action
d. to examine and recommend to the Faculty Senate proposals for new graduate degree and certificate programs, undergraduate minors and majors, education-abroad programs and any other new academic programs. The committee will review proposals based upon their quality and the degree to which they are aligned with the strategic planning goals of the university and colleges. An academic program is defined as an organized group of college-level, credit-bearing courses, and their related experiences, designed to be used within the fulfillment of a degree or certificate. Examples include but are not limited to majors, minors, emphases, certificates, SAE, ITC, WIS, General Education, Liberal Arts, and Foundation Courses in Agriculture. Graduate programs will be forwarded to the Academic Program and Policy Committee by the Graduate Studies Curriculum Committee. [FS 03/04 #21, FS07/08 #20, FS 11/12 #109].
e. to examine and promote the development of new, experimental, and innovative curricular programs and offerings at both the graduate and undergraduate level
f. to examine and recommend to the Faculty Senate proposals for substantial changes in graduate degrees and certificate programs and undergraduate majors and sub-majors
g. if the committee rejects a proposal for a new program from a department or the Graduate Studies Curriculum Committee, that body may request a vote on the proposal by the Faculty Senate. If the Faculty Senate rejects the proposal, the Senate will supply the department or Graduate Studies Curriculum Committee with a summary
h. to approve the plan for assessment of General Education submitted by the Assessment Committee. The Assessment Committee will assess General Education every ten years in conjunction with and prior to the campus visit by the reaccreditation team of the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.
i. to approve new or revised course designators.

4. Procedure: The committee shall, in consultation with the Provost and Vice Chancellor, coordinate University-wide programs as specified under “Duties” above and require reports from faculty responsible for conducting such programs as requested.

5. Recommendations dealing with new or revised:
a. undergraduate academic programs are approved by the department/program, college curriculum committee, college dean, Academic Program and Policy Committee, Faculty Senate, the Provost and Vice Chancellor, and the Chancellor, in that order. [FS 06/07 #27, FS 07/08 #20] 
b. education abroad academic programs are approved by the department/program committee, International Programs Committee, Director of Global Connections, Academic Program and Policy Committee, Faculty Senate, the Provost, and the Chancellor, in that order.
c. graduate academic programs approved by the department, college curriculum committee, college dean, director of graduate studies, Graduate Studies Curriculum Committee, Academic Program and Policy Committee, Faculty Senate, the Provost and Vice Chancellor, and the Chancellor, in that order.
Will be added to October 24 agenda for first reading
4. Motion from the Academic Program and Policy Committee (James Zimmerman, Chair) to approve changes to the TESOL Education Major and Minor.  
Will be added to the October 24 consent agenda.

5. Motion from the Academic Program and Policy Committee (James Zimmerman, Chair) to approve changes to the TESOL Liberal Arts Major and Minor.  
Will be added to the October 24 consent agenda.

6. Motion from the Academic Program and Policy Committee (James Zimmerman, Chair) to approve changes to the English Education Major and Minor.  
Will be added to the October 24 consent agenda.

7. Motion from the Academic Program and Policy Committee (James Zimmerman, Chair) to approve changes to the English Education Major and Minor.  
Will be added to the October 24 consent agenda.

8. Motion from the Academic Program and Policy Committee (James Zimmerman, Chair) to approve changes to the Broad Area English Education Major and Minor.  
(Note: see attached document of the same name)  
Will be added to the October 24 consent agenda.

9. Searches and Senate appointments to university-wide committees  
Wes will advise Provost Delgado that senate will approve all university-wide committees, including search and screen committees, through the consent agenda.

10. Lecture-lab issue 
EC and select administrators will negotiate this issue at a meeting to be called when Provost Delgado returns from Scotland.

    All department and program chairs will be invited to meet with the members of the EC to air their concerns. Wes will find a venue large enough to accommodate the group.

11. Naming rights issue 
The local administrative policies established in 1998 and 2010 directly contradict each other. The 2010 policy allows the UWRF Foundation executive director to bestow a name without shared governance if funding for the facility involves a private party.

    Will be added to the October 24 senate agenda for discussion.

12. Course evaluations 
No action taken

13. Removal of courses, suspension of courses – processes in governance 
Issue: Insert language setting up a process for removing and suspending courses. The issue will be forwarded to the graduate curriculum committee with instruction to make its recommendation to UCC.
14. Other Committee Motions
None

Miscellaneous Business
None

Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at 4:10