



Date: October 18, 2006
To: Faculty Senate and University Community
From: Wes Chapin, Faculty Senate Chair
Subject: Agenda Faculty Senate Meeting October 18, 2006

The 2006-2007 Faculty Senate will meet on Wednesday October 18, 2006 at 3:40pm in the Alumni Room of South Hall. Faculty Senators who cannot attend should arrange for a substitute and notify John Heppen at john.heppen@uwrf.edu

Agenda October 18, 2006

Call to Order:

Recognition of Invited Guests
Approval of Minutes from October 4 and October 11, 2006

Seating of Substitutes:

Reports:

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

Proposal 1: A motion to adopt a resolution regarding Final Exam Week from the Faculty Welfare Policy and Procedure Committee. (see attached)

Proposal 2: A motion to adopt a resolution regarding President Reilly's Growth Agenda for the University of Wisconsin System from the Recruitment and Retention Committee. (see attached)

Proposal 3: The Senate Executive Committee moves to appoint Vicki Hajewski as Back-up Chair of the Multi-cultural Advisory Strategic Planning Working Group.

Proposal 4: Motion from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to set three-year terms of appointment for the UW-RF Faculty Representatives to the West Central Wisconsin Consortium Commission and to establish May 31, 2007 as the expiration date for the current representative's term.

Proposal 5: Motion from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to appoint George Hansen and Nate Splett to the Campus Planning Strategic Planning Working Group and

to appoint Glenn Potts, Faye Perkins, and Miriam Huffman to the Sustainable Strategic Planning Working Group.

New Business Miscellaneous:



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Members:

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<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)	Melissa Wilson (Jr)
		Karl Peterson (Jr)	John Walker (Sr)**
		Nan Jordahl (Sr)	
		Charlie Hurt* (Mary Halada)	

* Chancellor's Designee

** Absent

() Substitute

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

Seating of Substitutes: Mary Halada for Charlie Hurt

Guests: Alan Tuchtenhagen Executive Director of Enrollment Services, Justin Haurer Director of Academic Success Center, Brian Shultz, Gordon Heydahl, Mike Croster.

Approval of Minutes: September 20, 2006. The minutes were read and approved as corrected.

Chair's Report:

- Wes Chapin announced that proposal 5 on the agenda under New Business would be addressed first. There was no objection.
- Insurance enrollment- GHC Eau Claire new provider. Prices up 10% across board, have asked Faculty Welfare to monitor changes.
- UWS-7 voted down by campuses or returned with significant changes. Vote has been postponed and there will be a follow up subcommittee addressing issues. There might need to be a special meeting Oct 25th to address that issue.
- President Reilly may be on campus in a couple of weeks. For growth agenda to succeed, President Reilly needs support from UW-System.
- There is a proposed 10 percent administrative cut across the board with no reduction in staff. There needs to be lobbying efforts for no cuts in the budget. Vice-Provost Mary Halada remarked that 10 percent means everything except instruction.
- There may be changes in the UW System sick leave policy. Policy might be changed so faculty cannot carry over sick leave or use sick leave to buy insurance.
- UW System has an agreement with the Technical Colleges about transferring credits. Possible merger has been recommended for Technical and UW colleges. There could be issues with pay, qualifications, etc. May need a committee to work on this issue.
- Within UWRF Faculty Senate, if there is a different way of voting people would prefer, it needs to be addressed.
- Regarding Bob Baker's motion to amend the Strategic Planning Group, the parliamentarian, Karl Peterson, addressed the issue and said that it should have been sent along with the call of meeting and that may present cause for viewing the constitution. Secretary John Heppen notified the Falcon Daily so they could notify faculty, but they forgot to include it.

Vice Chair's Report:

- Ballots for termination committee and Senior At-Large Senator sent out and need to be returned by October 11th.

Other Reports:

- Brian Shultz and Justin Hauer from the Advising Committee. Brian Schultz and Justin Hauer asked the Faculty to think about what advising means in regards to definition and wished to open a dialogue across campus. Terry Ferris suggested that sending out a survey to the entire faculty would be a better idea.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

Proposal 5 A motion from Academic Policy and Program Committee to approve a new emphasis in Sustainable Agriculture in the Crop and Soils Science major was made by Barbara Werner and seconded by Bob Baker. Mike Croster stated that interest was shown on campus about sustainable agriculture and that best option after defining what sustainability was as an emphasis in the Crops & Soils Major. There are multiple components including production, economic and business, social science, and environmental science. Questions were asked about resources and Mike Croster responded that there were appropriate resources for this to be an emphasis. The motion was passed unanimously.

Proposal 1: A motion from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to adopt a resolution on the Role of Faculty Governance in Personnel Matters: Criminal Background Checks for Employees was made by Barbara Werner and seconded by Glenn Potts. The purpose of the motion was to send the issue to the Faculty Welfare committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Proposal 2: A motion from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to designate that the official catalog medium for the 2007-09 period be online portable document format (pdf) or comparable formats (e.g. html); catalogs must be available in their entirety; academic terms (e.g. fall semester 2007) will serve as the official start dates for all policy and programmatic changes for each catalog period; each catalog term must be archived, and although the online catalog is the only official version, this designation does not preclude the publication and/or use of supplemental materials including, but not limited to, unofficial hardcopies of the official online catalog was made by Melissa Wilson and seconded by Peter Johansson. Barbara Werner stated the importance of having a hard copy in addition to a electronic version. Ogden Rogers agreed and said the online copy would be complete. The motion passed unanimously.

Proposal 3: A motion from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to adopt the following resolution: Opposition to the Amendment to the Wisconsin Constitution, now on the ballot for the November 2006 election, to ban gay marriage and civil unions was made by Dawn Hukai and seconded by Barbara Werner. Gordon Heydahl addressed the proposal and stated we were the only system within the Big Ten to not offer partner benefits. The motion passed unanimously.

Proposal 4: A motion from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to replace Peter Rayne as chair of the Multi-Cultural Diversity Advisory Committee with Kristine Butler was made by Ogden Rogers and seconded by Peter Johansson. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business Other: A Motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted

Bob Baker moved to amend the ad hoc strategic planning committees (working groups) adopted at our September 20 meeting so that the membership of the two newly formed committees, the Campus Planning working group and the Sustainable working group, be made parallel to all of the other strategic planning working groups. More specifically,

these new committees' membership will include at least one tenure-track faculty appointed from each of the four colleges and a representative of the Fourth Division. Barbara Werner seconded. Bob Baker stated that the purpose of the motion was to make committee structure (strategic planning working groups) consistent and parallel across all committees (strategic planning working groups), and to have equal representation from across campus. Glenn Potts moved to conduct the vote by ballot. Barbara Werner seconded. The motion passed by a majority vote. Bob Baker stated that Wes Chapin should pass the gavel if he is trying to sway the issue. Wes Chapin asked the Parliamentarian, Karl Peterson to check on this. Peter Johansson made a motion to call the question. Barbara Werner seconded. The motion failed. The main motion to amend something previously adopted was lost by a vote of 9 yes, 9 no, and 1 abstention.

Adjournment: Barbara Werner moved and John Heppen seconded a motion to adjourn at 5:21pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Heppen
Secretary of the UW-River Falls Faculty Senate



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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: Tracey Gladstone-Sovell for Peter Johansson

Guests: none

Chair's Reports: Wes Chapin asked if there were any questions about the meeting.

Unfinished Business: Motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted

Bob Baker moved that the Senate Chair and the Executive Committee shall meet with Chancellor Betz to modify the compositions of the Campus Planning Working Group and the Sustainable Working Group so that they include at least one tenure-track faculty appointed from each of the four colleges and a representative of the Fourth Division so that they become inclusive like the other strategic planning working groups. Barbara Werner seconded. Senator Baker stated the purpose of the motion was to be more inclusive and correct an oversight. The motion passed with 12 yes votes and 7 no votes.

Adjournment: Ogden Rogers moved and John Heppen seconded the motion to adjourn at 3:55pm.

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**Proposed draft of Faculty Senate Resolution
Regarding Final Exam Week**

Whereas, final exam week is a week dedicated to administering and grading exams;

Whereas, Faculty time during final exam week is limited;

Whereas, faculty are required to complete grading semester projects and calculating final grades within this time period;

Be it Resolved, that Faculty Senate request all meetings that include Faculty not convene during Final Exam weeks.

Submitted to Faculty Senate, this the 18th of October, 2006 by the Faculty Welfare

**Proposed draft of Faculty Senate Resolution
Regarding President Reilly's Growth Agenda for the University of Wisconsin
System**

Whereas, the University of Wisconsin System was rated by the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems in 2006 as one of the five most productive public university research systems, and as one of the five most effective public baccalaureate and master's institutions in the country; indicating that we have been very effective and efficient managers of investments made by the citizens of Wisconsin in its state university system; and

Whereas, while the number of students enrolled in 4-year public institutions universities in Wisconsin expanded by more than 8,000 students between 1990 and 2006, state appropriations for higher education decreased from \$262 per capita in 1990 to \$204 per capita in 2006 – in contrast, Minnesota's expenditure per capita was identical to that of Wisconsin in 1990 (\$262) but rose slightly to \$266 by 2006; and

Whereas, according to the U.S. Census only 25 percent of Wisconsin citizen's over the age of 25 had completed at least a bachelor's degree as of 2005, making our state 33rd in the nation – we are substantially behind our sister state, Minnesota, where 31 percent of adults have bachelors' degrees; and

Whereas, in today's knowledge-based economy, access to higher education is increasingly an imperative for continued economic prosperity as illustrated by the fact that household income, as reported in the U.S. Census, stood at \$52,024 in Minnesota in 2005 compared to only \$47,105 in Wisconsin – in 1990 Minnesota's gross state product was \$2.1 billion greater than Wisconsin's and by 2006 Minnesota had a \$16.8 billion advantage; and

Whereas, studies confirm that not only do college graduates boost their own incomes and the tax receipts for the states in which they live, but they are also engaged citizens, lead healthy lives, and serve the public good in myriad ways; and

Whereas, Wisconsin, like most states in the U.S., received a grade of "F" in a recent U.S. Department of Education report on affordability of higher education in the state – in 1990 Wisconsin received a grade of B+ and between 1990 and 2006 average tuition at public 4-year universities in the state increased from \$2,960 to \$5,665; and

Whereas, the proportion of students enrolled in higher education who come from lower-income families has declined during the past decade and, according to the National Center for Public Policy in Higher Education (NCPPE), Wisconsin's "investment in need-based financial aid is very low compared to top-performing states" – the percentage of children living in poverty in Wisconsin was 14 percent in 1990 and remains at that level today while in Minnesota this percentage has fallen from 14 percent to 11 percent; and

Whereas, many states benefit from the in-migration of people with bachelor degrees or higher, Wisconsin does not – in 2006 data compiled by NCPPE indicate that the state had a net out-migration of 834 people with college degrees – so the University of Wisconsin System will be the primary supplier of the knowledge workers the state will need to prosper in the future, therefore,

Be it resolved that the University of Wisconsin at River Falls:

- stands ready and willing to work with the State of Wisconsin to mobilize additional taxpayer investments in the University of Wisconsin System; and
- enthusiastically endorses the University of Wisconsin System's Growth Initiative to use these additional investments by the taxpayers to increase the access of the citizens of Wisconsin to the first-class educational experience we offer; and
- is excited about the prospect of expanding the positive role that this campus plays in the life of this region, the state, and the national and international community.