

Minutes of the UWRF Faculty Senate for September 6, 2006

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Members:

Representation	Term Expires 2007	Term Expires 2008	Term Expires 2009
CAFES	Bob Baker	Laine Vignona	
	Wes Chapin	Patricia Berg	
	Larry Harred	John Heppen	
CAS	Barbara Werner		Peter Johansson
COEPS		Ogden Rogers	Michael Miller
CBE			Glenn Potts
	Cara Rubis		
4th Division	(Kristie Feist)	Gregg Heinselman	Sarah Egerstrom
		Brenda Boetel (Jr)	
		(Nate Splett)	Melissa Wilson (Jr)
	Karl Peterson (Jr)	Dawn Hukai (Sr)	John Walker (Sr)
At Large	Nan Jordahl (Sr)		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: Kristie Feist for Cara Rubis; Nate Splett for Brenda Boetel.

Guests: Strategic Planning Steering Committee (SPSC), Tricia Davis, student representative from Student Senate.

Approval of Minutes: The meeting of the minutes from August 21, 2006 were approved and corrected by general consent.

Chair's Report:

• Wes Chapin announced a change in the agenda. Proposal 1 (Motion to affirm the 12 UWRF Strategic Planning Goals and confirm the strategic planning bodies (committees)) was removed from New Business of the previously announced agenda and under New Business for today's meeting is Proposal 1 (previously Proposal 2 under New Business): First reading of the Motion from the Executive Committee for a resolution vote 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.).

- Wes Chapin reported that there will be a motion for a committee to rewrite the Faculty Handbook.
- The SPSC met this afternoon and it was decided to postpone the process of affirming the 12 goals and approving the committees for two weeks to allow for more feedback from the campus community and clarify the goals and committee structure. Comments directed to Wes Chapin from senators stressed the need to strengthen and streamline the goals to make the goals clearer and to ensure that enough feedback is obtained from the community and that the committee structure is representative of campus. Wes responded that there will be discussions between the SPSC, Chancellor Betz, and the Executive Committee to ensure those concerns are met. Provost Hurt stressed that this two-week delay should not delay the entire process and that these committees be thought of more as Task Groups or Task Forces instead of standing committees.
- Wes Chapin announced that beginning next Faculty Senate meeting Old Business will be renamed Unfinished Business.

Vice-Chair's Report:

• Ogden Rogers reported that nomination forms for the Termination Committee and for the upcoming open Senate seat are forthcoming.

Other Reports:

• Tricia Davis, Coordinator of the University Assessment Committee, reported that the assessment workshops of August 31st were well attended and that the General Education assessment process needs some more clarification and that assessment plans need to updated and submitted by the end of the Fall Semester with final reports completed by the Spring Semester.

Old (Unfinished) Business: None.

New Business:

Proposal 1: First Reading of 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.

Wes Chapin discussed the history of this issue and mentioned that the Regents will vote on this measure in the October meeting. The Regents would like to have eight faculty senates to consider and affirm this resolution. Discussion addressed issues of constitutionality, legality, civil liberties, academic freedom, the wording of the resolution and the potential of what would happen if the resolution is not affirmed by eight faculty senates, and the impact of the resolution being approved by the Regents and becoming UW-System policy.

Adjournment: Barbara Werner moved and John Heppen seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:32pm.

Respectfully Submitted

John Heppen Secretary of the UW-River Falls Faculty Senate