



Minutes of the UWRF Faculty Senate for October 4, 2006 Vol. 31 No. 6

Members:

Representation	Term Expires 2007	Term Expires 2008	Term Expires 2009
CAFES	Bob Baker	Laine Vignona	
CAS	Wes Chapin	Patricia Berg	Peter Johansson
	Larry Harred**	John Heppen	
	Barbara Werner		
COEPS		Ogden Rogers	Michael Miller
CBE			Glenn Potts
4th Division	Cara Rubis	Gregg Heinselman	Sarah Egerstrom
At Large		Brenda Boetel (Jr)	Melissa Wilson (Jr)
	Karl Peterson (Jr)	Dawn Hukai (Sr)	John Walker (Sr)**
	Nan Jordahl (Sr)		Terry Ferris (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 Hauer Academic Success Center, Brian Schultz, Gordon Hedahl, Mike Crotser.

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 Crotser stated that interest was shown on campus about sustainable agriculture and that the 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 Crotser 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 an 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 Hedahl addressed the proposal and stated we were the only system within the Big Ten not to 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