



Minutes of the UWRF Faculty Senate for December 20, 2006

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Representation	Term Expires 2007	Term Expires 2008	Term Expires 2009
<i>CAFES</i>	Bob Baker	Laine Vignona (Kelly Cain)	
<i>CAS</i>	Wes Chapin	Patricia Berg	Peter Johansson (Charlie Rader)
	Larry Harred	John Heppen	
	Barbara Werner**		
<i>COEPS</i>		Ogden Rogers	Michael Miller (Teresa Kruizenga)
<i>CBE</i>			Glenn Potts
<i>4th Division</i>	Cara Rubis	Gregg Heinselman**	Sarah Egerstrom
<i>At Large</i>		Brenda Boetel (Jr) (David Trechter)	Melissa Wilson (Jr) (McKenna Schumacher)
	Karl Peterson (Jr)	Dawn Hukai (Sr) (Arpan Jani)	David Rainville (Sr)
	Nan Jordahl (Sr)		Terry Ferriss (Sr)
	Charlie Hurt*		

* Chancellor's Designee

** Absent

() Substitute

Call to Order: W. Chapin called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m in the Alumni Room of South Hall.

Seating of Substitutes: Kelly Cain for Laine Vignona, Charlie Rader for Peter Johansson, David Trechter for Brenda Boetel, McKenna Schumacher for Melissa Wilson, Arpan Jani for Dawn Hukai, Teresa Kruizenga for Michael Miller.

Guests: Don Betz

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of December 13, 2006 were approved as corrected by general consent.

Chair's Report:

- Wes Chapin reported that if there is no objection, Proposal 9 on the agenda would be moved and placed second on the agenda.

- Wes Chapin reported that motions 31-35 were signed by the Chancellor. The first meeting of Faculty Senate for the Spring Semester will be either on Wednesday January 24, 2007 or Tuesday January 16, 2007.
- Wes Chapin reported he expects a proposal to bring a ROTC program to campus and that the Federal Government requires that institutions which receive federal funding to have ROTC on campus and that ROTC has rights to office space and to submit proposals.

Unfinished Business: none.

New Business:

Proposal 1: Motion from the Calendar Committee Academic Program & Policy Committee that UWRF adopt a class schedule with 50-minute MWF class periods and 75-minute TR class periods. The proposed change would maintain the features of the current 14-week balanced calendar. Sarah Egerstrom and Nan Jordahl first and seconded the motion respectively. Bob Baker stated his opposition to the motion because of minutes of instruction and appearances. Charlie Hurt spoke in favor of the motion. Terry Ferriss spoke in favor of the motion citing faculty workload and quality of instruction over quantity of instruction. Charlie Hurt stated that NCA accreditation is more concerned about learning outcomes than minutes of instruction and that the 50 minute periods have been vetted with local legislators who had no issue with the reduction and that 50 minute periods are the national norm and that the administration will work with the Chemistry Department. Arpan Jani addressed issues of technology and laboratory time with students. Karl Peterson reported a summary of the discussion within the Calendar Committee and the listening sessions held on campus. David Rainville spoke in opposition to the motion stating that time is needed to work with students and that it would hurt Chemistry. Dennis Cooper addressed the issue. Dennis Cooper spoke against the motion stating his belief that the current calendar is not broken and the loss of minutes of instruction. John Heppen mentioned that UWRF's proposed calendar would be very similar to UWEC and UW-Madison's calendar and spoke in favor the motion based on having a ninth period of instruction beginning at 4:00pm and that the extra hour for faculty teaching 12 hours could be used for other duties such as teaching preparation, research, and service and the new calendar would be consistent with the growth agenda mandated by system and the appeal it could have to new and junior faculty. Joe Eggers, Student Senate President, addressed the issue and stated that students did have concerns about academic issues, but that they would adjust to the new time periods. Terry Ferriss stated that quality of instruction and length of the school year are more important than minutes of class periods. Steve Kelm chair of APP stated the debate of APP was similar to debate of the Calendar Committee and spoke against the motion. Charlie Hurt said that the his office will work with Chemistry to help Chemistry meet ACS compliance. Kelly Cain asked if any other departments are in a similar situation. Wes Chapin replied only Chemistry. The motion passed with a vote of 16 yes to 3 no and 0 abstentions.

Proposal 9: Motion regarding Exemplary Service Awards. David Trechter and Bob Baker first and seconded the motion respectively. Chancellor Don Betz spoke to the issue. Don Betz stated that he did not wish to totally reject Motion 24 regarding Exemplary Service Awards and wanted to bring the issue back to the Senate. Don Betz spoke about the history of the awards at UW-Madison and its purpose to enhance compensation so faculty would not leave. Glenn Potts asked if this was a motion to amend something previously adopted. David Trechter stated that there was precedent to disapprove a motion and send it back to Faculty Senate with a memo. Glenn Potts asked Wes Chapin if he was confident that the motion could be worded appropriately. Wes Chapin replied yes. Glenn Potts stated that this motion was essentially the same as the motion (Motion 24) previously passed. Terry Ferriss asked questions about how the money would be put in base salary and would future raises be based on salary with or without the award amount. Senators responded that EPA money would become a permanent part of base salary and used to calculate raises. Don Betz stated that the award money portion of salary would be separated when a person leaves. The motion carried unanimously with 19 yes votes 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

Glenn Potts made a motion to postpone all remaining items on the agenda until the next Faculty Senate meeting. The motion passed by general consent.

Discussion regarding Strategic Planning Prioritization: Wes Chapin stated that further discussions would occur in January before the beginning of classes for Spring Semester.

Adjournment: Ogden Rogers moved to adjourn at 5:23pm. John Heppen seconded and it passed by general consent.