



Minutes of the UWRF Faculty Senate for April 11, 2007,

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Representation	Term Expires 2007	Term Expires 2008	Term Expires 2009
<i>CAFES</i>	Bob Baker	Laine Vignona	
<i>CAS</i>	Wes Chapin	Patricia Berg (David Furniss) (Steven Luebke)	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)	Dawn Hukai (Sr) (Charlie Corcoran)	David Rainville (Sr)
	Nan Jordahl (Sr)**		Terry Ferriss (Sr) (Dennis Cooper)
	Charlie Hurt* (Alan Tuchtenhagen)		

\* Chancellor's Designee

\*\* Absent

() Substitute

**Call to Order:** Wes Chapin called the meeting to order at 3:40pm.

**Seating of Substitutes:** Alan Tuchtenhagen for Charlie Hurt, Steven Luebke for David Furniss, Dennis Cooper for Terry Ferriss, Charlie Corcoran for Dawn Hukai

**Guests:** Lisa Wheeler

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of April 4, 2007 were approved as submitted

**Chair's Report:**

Wes Chapin reported that the Student Senate is seeking volunteers for the differential tuition advisory board. The board needs four faculty and four academic staff.

Wes Chapin handed out a report on the number of volunteers needed for next year's faculty senate committees.

Wes Chapin reported that the purpose of the New Business Consent Agenda is to facilitate changes in programs at faculty senate meetings.

**Vice-Chair's Report:** Ogden Rogers reported that ballots for termination committee and senior and junior senators at large will go out on Friday.

Other Reports: Lisa Wheeler reported on the status of the email outage and reported that it is a software bug and that they are working with Sun to correct the problem as soon as possible.

**Unfinished Business:** none

**New Business:**

**Proposal 1:** Second reading of a motion for the Executive Committee to change the description of the Calendar Committee. John Heppen and Karl Peterson first and seconded the motion respectively. The motion passed with 16 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 2 abstentions.

**Proposal 2:** Second reading of a motion from FWPP to transfer committee duties and to rename the Faculty Salary Committee. Karl Peterson and Dennis Cooper first and seconded the motion respectively. The motion passed with 16 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention.

**New Business Consent Agenda:**

**Proposal 1:** A motion from APP to approve changes to Marketing Communication Program Requirements

**Proposal 2:** A motion from APP to approve Option B Minor name change to Interdisciplinary Minor.

**Proposal 3:** A motion from APP to approve program changes in the Department of Geography and Mapping Sciences.

**Proposal 4:** A motion from APP to approve a credits change to the BS Secondary Education program in the Department of Communicative Disorders.

**Proposal 5:** A motion from APP to approve a program change in the Department of Political Science.

Motions passed by general consent.

**New Business Miscellaneous:**

Wes Chapin stated that the University Planning Group (UPG) meeting scheduled for today has been postponed and that the meeting between the Executive Committee and the Provost and Chancellor on Tuesday was very productive. That the Faculty Senate needs to develop a plan to meet the needs of the faculty, students, and campus. Wes Chapin proposed options to the senate for representation to the UPG. Ogden Rogers stated that the role of the UPG is to serve as a lifeguard and work with the task groups and to monitor facilitate and will have no authorizing or governance function; its function will be to energize. Glenn Potts and John Heppen reported that it was a good meeting. Laine Vignona asked how were the task leaders appointed? Wes Chapin responded that in some cases they were assigned by the administration. Dennis Cooper offered a suggestion for the UPG that included 50 percent faculty with representation from all four colleges chosen by the administration with significant faculty senate involvement and consultation. Glenn Potts asked for an explanation of consulting. Dennis Cooper stated that the provost needs to make sure that faculty leadership is involved in making appointments at least the executive committee. Glenn Potts stated that the faculty senate was invited to have a stronger role. John Heppen stated that the faculty representatives should come from faculty senate and that representation should be proportional. Alan Tuchtenhagen stated that it would be hard to find volunteers. Glenn Potts stated that the Chancellor needed actively engaged members willing to devote time and effort. Ogden Rogers added that it will be with continued consultation of the Executive Committee. Melissa Wilson asked about classified staff on committee. Wes Chapin replied that they are not identified. Ogden Rogers stated that the Provost would like the senate to take an initial look at the proposal. Karl Peterson asked to take a moment to identify if people currently on the UPG are there as faculty or specific committee relationships. Wes Chapin stated that the Faculty Senate should designate its members and let the administration choose its own. Steven Luebke stated that it would be helpful to have some members from the Faculty Senate to provide consistency and updates at Faculty Senate meetings. Wes Chapin asked the senate what to recommend. Dennis Cooper stated that we don't want to make it too political need to be out of political/program/college roles and have capacity for thoughtful consultation. Laine Vignona stated that we should take the strategic planning working groups as a model. Glenn Potts made a motion that the UPG have at least 50 percent faculty appointed by the faculty senate. Dennis Cooper seconded the motion. The motion was later withdrawn as was all amendments to the motion.

Glenn Potts moved that the Excluding the Chair of the University Planning Group, 50 percent of the membership of the University Planning Group will be appointed by the Faculty Senate. Dennis Cooper seconded the motion. Alan Tuchtenhagen stated that excluding the chair less than 50 percent of the UPW will be non-faculty. John Heppen moved for a 5 minute recess. The motion to recess passed with 8 yes votes to 7 no votes. The Faculty Senate came back to order after the five minute recess. Laine Vignona stated that we may regret not having proportional representation later. Peter Johansson asked what was the purpose of the UPG; is it an oversight committee, a task committee or an reallocation committee. Wes Chapin and Ogden Rogers replied that is a committee to oversee tasks. Dennis Cooper asked about representation issues not discussed in the motion. Wes Chapin stated that it would be best to have separate motions defining the

UPG and then the staffing of the UPG. The motion passed with 13 yes votes, 1 no vote, and 3 abstentions.

Ogden Rogers moved that the Faculty Senate approve Jude Rathburn, Steve Kelm, Terry Ferriss, Michael Miller, Glenn Potts and two others unnamed from the floor to the UPG. Ogden Rogers invited discussions of recommendations from the College of Arts and Sciences. John Heppen moved to amend the motion to include Davie Rainville. Dennis Cooper stated that he doesn't think this is the way to proceed. Gregg Heinselmann seconded the motion. There was no objection to the amendment and it passed by general consent. John Heppen accepted a friendly amendment to add Karl Peterson to the UPG. The motion passed with 15 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 2 abstentions. Alan Tuchtenhagen stated he was pleased with the senate's organization, communication, and strength and expressed concern about the perception that there has been a degradation in particular with shared governance and that there is a strong misperception that the faculty have been boxed out of shared governance.

**Adjournment:** Faculty Senate adjourned by general consent at 5:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted

John Heppen  
Secretary of UW - River Falls Faculty Senate