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Agenda, April 18, 2012

Call to Order, Seating of Substitutes, and Approval of Minutes

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m., Willow River Room, UC

2. Seating of Substitutes

John Heppen for Wes Chapin

The seating of the above named substitute was approved by consensus of the Faculty Senate.
3. Approval of the minutes from the April 4, 2012 meeting of the Faculty Senate

   A motion to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2012 meeting of the Faculty Senate was made by Dennis Cooper; it was seconded by Jim Madsen. The motion passed by consensus of the Faculty Senate.

Reports
Chair’s Report (Marshall Toman, CAS)

Board of Regents in Superior, WI April 12-13, 2012
Marshall Toman attended the UW-System Board of Regents meeting in Superior, WI April 12-13, 2012. Below are some of the highlights from this meeting:

Student Representation
The president of the student government at Madison and a representative from the United Councils (a student from Eau Claire) were allowed to make a presentation in front of the Board of Regents (BOR).

There is mounting tension between students and regents/trustees across the nation as students protest increasing tuition hikes. The representatives asked for better communication between students and the UWS Regents.

1. Each regent should come to one United Council event per year (there are four).
2. Public comment should be allowed at each session of the BOR meeting.
3. More information sharing should occur - agenda should be sent to student government representatives at the same time that the regents receive the agenda.
4. Students themselves should be consulted on policies pertaining to students.

The chair of the regents said that there should be absolutely no problem complying with the request #3 and that they could consider it already implemented. He pointed out that the presence of two student regents was a long-standing process of representing students’ views to the BOR.

Both student regents spoke and mentioned their attempts to reach out to the students since communication is a two-way street. Their attempts in the past had been met with minimal response and in some case collapsed through lack of interest.

Another regent who had attended United Council meetings affirmed that he spoke for the BOR in that there isn’t a regent who would attend an event (see request #1) if invited. Again, communication is a two-way street.

The practicalities of allowing public comment at every BOR meeting was addressed.

Good News about the UWS
UW-Madison is third in the nation of all research institutions public and private in research grants with over one billion dollars in funding, behind Johns Hopkins and the University of Michigan and has been consistently high on this list.
Among many other outstanding successes, UWRF’s Earl Blodgett was mentioned by name as the host of this year’s Science Olympiad and his home department was mentioned as being 4th in graduates among the nation’s comprehensives in 2010 of physics majors, competing against larger and probably (how could it be otherwise?) better funded departments.

The compilation of a spoken-word dictionary of Oneida was another accomplishment.

**The REAEDI (just a guess; it is pronounced “ready”) Committee**

The acronym stands for Research, Economic Development, and Innovation. It was formed to raise the priority of the knowledge base and sciences as pursued within the UWS and to highlight the role of the UWS in promoting economic development.

An impressive presentation centered around the WiSys Technology Foundation that assists in the development of ideas into marketable products. The Foundation gives entrepreneurial boosts to faculty researchers and their students.

Finding a suitable substitute drug for the anti-coagulant warfarin and building a hydrogen battery were two the projects demonstrated by two professors and their graduate-school bound students.

So far this Foundation has led to 10 start-up companies. It has lowered the cost of discovery. From 1997-2005, research funding divided by discoveries cost $450,000 (two discoveries); from 2005-2011, the same calculation yielded a cost of $53,000 per discovery (56 new, marketable products!)

**Committee Assignments**

We will use the online Qualtrics survey program for volunteering for Faculty Senate committee assignments for 2012-2013. More specific information on how this process will work is forthcoming.

**Motions**

The Chancellor has signed all of the Faculty Senate motions to date.

**Full Data on Pay Plan Distribution with CIP Codes**

This information has been distributed. Potential misunderstandings corrected. The distribution is going forward. In a meeting with the provost, budget director, auditor, chair of Faculty Compensation and chair of the Faculty Senate, it was noted that the information loops are not being closed. Some record needs to be maintained that faculty and chair have agreed upon CIP codes, and that those agreed upon codes are the ones forwarded to each dean. Reports that all of this has happened seem not to be uniformly true. Faculty members could sign off on the agreed upon code and departmental faculty could be copied on what is sent to the dean. Faculty members should have access to what the dean will be using. We don’t plan to continue to negotiate CIP codes so having this process work perfectly once is important. The hope is that the next 40 pay plan recipients will be identified soon so that next year’s distribution can happen evenly throughout the contract.
General Education
The General Education Committee (Don Leake, Chair) and the Assessment Committee (Joy Benson, Chair) are working out their mutual responsibilities in the General Education Review process and creating a timeline (in draft stage) based on the year’s extension granted to February 1, 2013, when the production of a program review report is due.

Pathway to Distinction
The final draft is viewable online at http://www.uwrf.edu/StrategicPlan/DraftPlan.cfm

Vice Chair’s Report (Marshall Toman, CAS)

At-Large Elections
Voting for the at-large elections was completed by 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, 2012. The winners of these elections were:

Senior (two positions): John Heppen (28), Marshall Toman (63), no write-ins.
Junior (one position): Logan Kelly (53), two write-ins with one vote a piece.

Termination Committee Election Process
This election is currently proceeding. Nominations close at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, April 19, 2012.

Other Reports
Chancellor Van Galen
Chancellor Van Galen spoke to Faculty Senate at today’s meeting. He provided some updates for Senate that will be shared campus-wide in the coming days, as well. Some highlights include:

UW-System announced the approval of $10,000,000 to be applied system-wide for building improvements and updates; UWRF will $2,000,000 from this pot to be applied to the upgrade of the North Hall auditorium and to the creation of an active learning classroom in Hagestad Hall, both of which should be completed sometime in the next year.

The kick-off for the first-ever UWRF capital campaign is set to take place on Saturday, April 28, 2012.

Finally, Chancellor Van Galen thanked Faculty Senate and everyone else on campus for their involvement in the development of the proposed new strategic plan, Pathway to Distinction, and he is hopeful Senate will embrace and approve the plan at today’s meeting.

Consent Items
No items appeared on the consent agenda for today’s meeting.

Unfinished Business
1. Motion from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (Marshall Toman, Chair) to approve the final draft of the next UWRF strategic plan, Pathway to Distinction.
Hossein Najafi moved to accept this motion as proposed; Barbara Stinson seconded this movement. The motion passed unanimously (20 of 20 voting members present at this point in the meeting).

First Readings
No first readings appeared on today’s agenda.

New Business
1. Resolution from the Sustainability Working Group (Kelly Cain, Chair) to approve a Sustainability Proclamation that the University of Wisconsin-River Falls declares itself part of an Aspiring Sustainable Community by endorsing the values, principles, and practices of sustainability…and agrees to seek opportunities for collaboration, communication, and partnership with the City of River Falls, the School District of River Falls, and possibly other neighboring entities, in joint sustainability efforts.

   David Rainville moved to endorse this resolution as proposed; Dennis Cooper seconded this motion. The resolution passed unanimously (20 of 20 voting members present at this point in the meeting).

2. Resolution from the Technology Council (Robert Coffman, Chair) for the UWRF Faculty Senate to resolve that the campus adopt the defined plan to provide a single-computer platform in all new and existing technology-enhanced classrooms by fall 2014.

   Jim Madsen moved to endorse this resolution as proposed; Hossein Najafi seconded this resolution. The resolution (12 yeas; 4 nays; 4 abstentions amongst voting members present at this point in the meeting).

Miscellaneous New Business
No miscellaneous new business was addressed at today’s meeting.

Adjournment
David Rainville moved to adjourn the meeting; Jim Madsen seconded this movement. Adjournment of today’s meeting occurred by consensus of the Faculty Senate. The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.