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Agenda, April 4, 2012

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

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 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 March 21, 2012 meeting of the Faculty Senate

   A motion to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2012 meeting of the Faculty Senate was made by Pat Berg; it was seconded by Jim Madsen. The motion passed by consensus of the Faculty Senate.

Reports
Chair’s Report (Marshall Toman, CAS)

Room for Senate Meetings
Polly Kleven has booked this room for all Faculty Senate meetings for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Committee Assignments
We will use Qualtrics for volunteering for committee assignments for the 2012-2013.

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

Strategic Plan
The full plan is available http://www.uwrf.edu/StrategicPlan/PathwaytoDistinction.cfm. Faculty and staff members will need to use their w-number and password to be able to see the plan. Feedback about the plan may be submitted until April 6, 2012.

General Education
The General Education Committee and Assessment Committee 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.

100K Pay Plan
Results from the 100K pay distribution were shared with Senate.

Vice Chair’s Report (Marshall Toman, CAS)
Electronic elections are in process for the senior and junior at-large seats. You should have received a ballot for the at-large elections by 7:00 a.m. this past Monday, April 2, 2012. Voting closes Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. The nominees are as follows:

   Senior (two positions): John Heppen (CAS), Marshall Toman (CAS)
   Junior (one position): Logan Kelly (CBE)

Other Reports
Academic Standards (Terry Ferriss, Chair)
1. UWS-14 Academic Misconduct:
The Academic Standards Committee met with Provost Delgado, Thomas Pedersen, and Nan Jordahl and discussed the current implementation process of UWS-14 Academic Misconduct on our campus. It was agreed that the UWS-14 is the policy and that it is clear. However, while there is an implementation process for that policy on campus, it is not readily visible to those who need to use it. The Provost indicated that he would work with the Faculty Senate chair to convene a Task Force made up of appropriate staff, faculty, students, and a Dean’s Office
representative to get appropriate information up on the Web to assist everyone in navigating the process. The Academic Standards Committee recommends the UW-Eau Claire model be utilized to assist in identifying of the type of information and samples of materials that would be useful to include in the related Web pages.

The committee believes it has completed its work related to UWS-14 Academic Misconduct. There is not a policy-related issue to be addressed. It is the role of the administrative offices to articulate the implementation process and they have indicated to us they will work on this articulation.

2. **Early Alert System**
   Provost Delgado reported to the Academic Standards Committee that UWRF is planning to pilot the use of "Mapworks," an Early Alert system, in fall 2012 in several departments. The program is currently used at UW-Milwaukee, UW-Oshkosh and UW-Whitewater and those campuses like the system. UW-Madison has another, but much costlier, system. Mapworks would be less expensive for UWRF to purchase. There is a Webinar about Mapworks scheduled from 3-4 p.m. EDT on April 5, 2012 and the Provost invited the committee to attend if members were interested.

The Committee believes it has completed its work related to the development of an Early Alert System. The Provost's Office is coordinating the development of a system for the campus.

3. **Student Senate Motion to Raise the Credit Limit for Freshmen from 17 to 18 Credits:**
   The Academic Standards Committee discussed the Student Senate Motion. We do not support the motion.

   Rationale for not supporting the motion:
   - The current policy for the freshmen credit limit does have a provision that would accommodate freshmen who would want to take 18 credits. The provision requires the student to have discussions with an advisor and/or the Dean's Office and get approval to take over 17 credits.
   - The current policy supports the faculty position that freshmen benefit from not taking an excessive load. It is important that freshmen establish a solid, positive GPA the first semester which will establish their good academic standing status at the university.
   - Many freshmen need a year to learn how to balance work and school and to learn how much effort is required to be successful academically at the collegiate level. It is important not to set freshmen up for failure by encouraging them to take heavy course loads.

   The Committee has completed its work related to this Student Senate Motion.

*If other reports* are lengthy, please, make every effort to get them in electronic copy to Todd A. Savage as the secretary, copying Polly Kleven, before the meeting.
Consent Items
1. Motion from the Academic Programs and Policy Committee (Steve Kelm, Chair) to make MATH 316, Mathematical Modeling, the third of three courses that fulfill a 3-credit requirement in the major.

2. Motion from the Academic Programs and Policy Committee (Steve Kelm, Chair) to suspend the Earth Science Teacher Certification Secondary Education Option within the Geology Major.

3. Motion from the Academic Programs and Policy Committee (Steve Kelm, Chair) to add CHEM 356, Chemical Instrumentation Lab, as an alternative to CHEM 495, Undergraduate Research, in the Liberal Arts Chemistry Major, Biochemistry Option.

4. Motion from the Academic Programs and Policy Committee (Steve Kelm, Chair) to revise the Marketing Option within the Business Administration Major as indicated in the supporting materials.

5. Motion from the Calendar Committee (Karl Peterson, Chair) to approve the recommended UWRF academic calendar for 2014-2015.

6. Motion from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (Marshall Toman, Chair) to extend by three weeks the sunset provision for the ad hoc committee on Graduate Studies to April 30, 2012.

The consent agenda passed by consensus of the members of Faculty Senate.

Unfinished Business
No unfinished business was addressed at today’s meeting.

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

New Business
1. Motion from the Academic Standards Committee (Terry Ferriss, Chair) to revise 8.2.12.2 regarding the submission of final grades for J-term/winter sessions and summer.

   David Rainville moved to approve this motion as proposed; Hossein Najafi seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously (21 of 21 voting members present at this point in the meeting).

2. Motion from the Academic Standards Committee (Terry Ferriss, Chair) to add 8.8.8.1 regarding a drop and add policy for the summer and J-term sessions.

   Kris Butler moved to approve this motion as proposed; Jim Madsen seconded this motion.

   David Rainville then moved to send this motion back to the Academic Standards Committee to be revisited based on concerns raised on the Senate floor; Robyne Tiedeman seconded this motion.
Hossein Najafi subsequently moved that the senators with the concern work with the Academic Standards Committee to revise the original motion; Fernando Delgado seconded this amendment to the motion. This motion passed (17 yeas; 1 nay; 3 abstentions amongst voting members present at this point in the meeting).

The Senate then returned to the motion above moved by David Rainville; the motion passed (19 yeas; 2 nays; 0 abstentions amongst voting members present at this point in the meeting).

3. Motion from the Academic Standards Committee (Terry Ferriss, Chair) to revise 8.2.25 regarding academic honors regalia for Commencement.

John Heppen moved to approve this motion as proposed; Jane Harred seconded this motion. The motion passed (12 yeas; 0 nays; 3 abstentions amongst voting members present at this point in the meeting).

4. Motion from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (Marshall Toman, Chair) to charge the Academic Program and Policies Committee (Steve Kelm, Chair) to do the following:

a. Make a recommendation regarding accepting as a proxy for the alumni survey currently in use as part of Program Audit and Review (which, in the current form, contains some questions that are applicable only to undergraduate programs) the recent alumni survey data compiled for their national accreditations by the School Psychology and Communicative Disorders programs.

b. Make a recommendation regarding the authorization of the development of a new graduate alumni survey for the Program Audit and Review (PAR) process to be used by the MBA and MSE-Reading programs as their PAR alumni survey for their 2012-2013 reviews and as a test for use generally by subsequent graduate reviews.

Dennis Cooper moved to approve this motion as proposed; Hossein Najafi seconded this motion. The motion passed (14 yeas; 0 nays; 1 abstention amongst voting members present at this point in the meeting).

5. Motion from the ad hoc Committee on Veterans Recognition (Sandy Ellis, Chair) that the following language be placed into the Faculty and Academic Staff Handbook in Chapter 3, section 4 (the Vice Chair will title and renumber appropriately). This motion will take effect for spring 2012 graduation or as soon thereafter as practical.

“Veterans graduating from the UWRF should be recognized with red, white, and blue tassels attached to their caps at commencement. Eligibility for the red, white, and blue tassels would include any graduating student currently serving in the military, having served in the military, or who has received an ROTC commission.”
Not part of the motion as forwarded: Language like the following will be needed if the motion from APP regarding insignia on academic garb is approved: “This tassel and only this tassel is approved as an exception to the academic insignia-only provision and only for the military personnel specified.”

*John Heppen moved to approve this motion as proposed; Kris Butler seconded this motion. The motion did not pass (1 yea; 7 nays; 6 abstentions amongst voting members present at this point in the meeting).*

**Miscellaneous New Business**

1. Resolution regarding the recognition of veterans at Commencement.

   Whereas, UWRF wishes to honor its veterans, active military personnel, and those graduating from ROTC who have received a commission; and,

   Whereas, the Chancellor inviting all veterans and active military personnel to stand at graduation ceremonies to be recognized has been seen as an appropriate expression of the university’s desire to support veterans and active military personnel; therefore,

   Be it resolved that the Chancellor continue to invite all veterans, active service military personnel, and any graduating student who has received an ROTC commission to stand at graduation ceremonies and to be recognized by those in attendance.

   *David Rainville moved to endorse this resolution as proposed; Hossein Najafi seconded this resolution. The resolution passed (12 yeas; 0 nays; 2 abstentions amongst voting members present at this point in the meeting).*

2. Motion from the Faculty Senate that Senate be given access to the information compiled in the FY 2012 UWRF Faculty Salary Adjustment Plan.

   *David Rainville moved to approve this motion as approved; Kris Butler seconded this motion. The motion passed (13 yeas; 0 nays; 1 abstention amongst voting members present at this point in the meeting).*

**Adjournment**

*Hossein Najafi moved to adjourn the meeting; Jane Harred seconded this movement. Adjournment of today’s meeting occurred by consensus of the Faculty Senate. The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.*