Minutes of the UWRF Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting for March 28, 2012

Present: Marshall Toman (Chair; CAS); Todd A. Savage (Secretary; CEPS); Dennis Cooper (At-Large; CAFES); Hossein Najafi (At-Large; CBE); Patricia Berg (CAS)

Agenda – March 28, 2012

The 2011-2012 UWRF Faculty Senate Executive Committee met on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 from 2:08 p.m. to 3:55 p.m. in the History Seminar Room, 305 Kleinpell Fine Arts Building.

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

1. Call to order

   The meeting was called to order by Marshall Toman (Chair) at 2:08 p.m.

2. Approval of the minutes from the March 6, 2012 meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee

   Patricia Berg moved to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2012 meeting of the Executive Committee; Todd A. Savage seconded this motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Reports

Chair’s Report (Marshall Toman, CAS)

1. General Education Review [General Education Committee (Donald Leake, Chair) and Assessment Committee (Joy Benson, Chair)].

   Discussions have taken place as to how to proceed with this task; more to follow as the details continue to emerge.

2. Outside evaluation of Education Abroad exchange transcripts

   Some confusion exists as to the transfer of credits from non-U.S. institutions and as to whom (i.e., which entities on campus) will manage this issue. Concern has been raised about the use of an outside evaluator and what the ramifications may be for faculty autonomy in terms of their prerogatives related to courses taught elsewhere in the world. More to follow in this regard as the details become clearer.

3. Charge to Faculty Welfare and Personnel Policies (David Rainville, Chair) regarding rewarding work on strategic priorities
An outcome regarding this charge is unclear at the moment. Marshall will follow up with the FWPP committee to determine where it is at in addressing this charge.

4. Calendar Committee/Learning Resources Committee Joint Resolution

These committees will not be combining and no further action will occur regarding this matter at the present time.

Vice Chair (Marshall Toman, CAS)

Nominations to-date:
1. Junior At-Large so far: Logan Kelly (CBE)
2. Senior At-Large so far: John Heppen (CAS); Marshall Toman (CAS)

The nominations process closes at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, March 29, 2012.

Unfinished Business

1. Committee Appointments
   - Tech Council (CEPS)
   - Audit and Review Committee (CEPS)

   No action was taken on unfinished business at this meeting.

New Business

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.

   This item will appear under the Consent Agenda for the April 4, 2012 meeting of the Faculty Senate.

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.

   This item will appear under the Consent Agenda for the April 4, 2012 meeting of the Faculty Senate.

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

   This item will appear under the Consent Agenda for the April 4, 2012 meeting of the Faculty Senate.

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.
This item will appear under the Consent Agenda for the April 4, 2012 meeting of the Faculty Senate.

5. 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.

This item will appear on the agenda for the April 4, 2012 meeting of the Faculty Senate.

6. 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.

This item will appear on the agenda for the April 4, 2012 meeting of the Faculty Senate.

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

This item will appear on the agenda for the April 4, 2012 meeting of the Faculty Senate.

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

   a. Make a recommendation regarding accepting as 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 process to be used by the MBA and MSE-Reading programs as a test for use generally by subsequent graduate reviews.

This item will appear on the agenda for the April 4, 2012 meeting of the Faculty Senate.

9. Calendar Committee (Karl Peterson, Chair) recommendation.

This item will appear under the Consent Agenda for the April 4, 2012 meeting of the Faculty Senate.

10. 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.
This item will appear under the Consent Agenda for the April 4, 2012 meeting of the Faculty Senate.

11. 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.” 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.”

This item will appear on the agenda for the April 4, 2012 meeting of the Faculty Senate.

Miscellaneous New Business

No miscellaneous new business was address at today’s meeting.

Adjournment

Hossein Najafi made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Dennis Cooper seconded this motion. This motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.