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Agenda, March 2, 2011

Call to Order: 3:34 p.m., Willow River Room, UC

1. Seating of Substitutes

No substitutes were seated at today’s meeting.
2. Approval of the minutes from the February 2, 2011 and February 17, 2011 meetings of the Faculty Senate

_The minutes of the February 2, 2011 and February 17, 2011 Faculty Senate meetings were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dawn Hukai; it was seconded by Jennifer Willis-Rivera. The motion carried unanimously (18 yeas; 0 neas; 3 abstentions of voting members present at this point in the meeting)._ 

**Reports:**

**Chair’s Report (James Madsen, CAS)**

_We are in a tough situation. It is a predicament we did not create. The powers that control funding at the state are not interested in a free and open dialogue. The institution that represents our interest at the state level, the University of Wisconsin System, faces a severe budgetary and control crisis of its own. We, as a Faculty Senate, must decide how we will respond to these challenges. That is the purpose of the special meeting that will be held one week from today, Wednesday, March 9, 2011._

_We all agree we are sickened by the events of the last few weeks. What we need to focus on next week is how we will respond. We must decide what the role of Faculty Senate will be in the decision-making process. Chancellor Van Galen has put out a set of principles that will guide our decisions. I think Faculty Senate needs to do the same, as well as to plan how we want to participate. The Executive Committee will take the responsibility for preparing a draft. We welcome any other faculty senators who want to work on this document._

**Vice Chair’s Report (Dawn Hukai, CBE)**

_Divisional ballots have been distributed as appropriate across campus and completed ballots are due back to Polly Kleven by March 11, 2011. Any questions about the divisional elections can be directed to Dawn Hukai._

**Other Reports**

_No other reports were presented at today’s meeting._

**Unfinished Business:**

_Motion from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (James Madsen, Chair) to appoint Gretchen Link (4th Division) to chair the ad hoc committee on constitutional reform._

_(Action was postponed on this motion at the 12-1-2010 meeting)_

**Consent Agenda Items:**

1. _Motion from Faculty Senate Executive Committee (James Madsen, Chair) to appoint Jennifer Borup (CEPS) and Alice Reilly-Myklebust (Academic Staff) to the Strategic Planning Coordinating Group. Other members that Faculty Senate does not vote on include:_

   - One member of Executive Cabinet appointed by Chancellor Van Galen
   - Vice Chancellor Joseph Harbouk
• One tenured, academic administrator appointed by the Provost
  • Glenn Potts (Dean, CBE)
  • Faculty Senate Chair

2. Motion from the Academic Programs & Policy Committee (Jim Zimmerman, Chair) to approve changes in the Art History Minor and the Sociology Major, Sociology Minor, and Anthropology Minor

3. Motion from the Academic Programs & Policy Committee (Jim Zimmerman, Chair) to approve the creation of a Graduate Certificate Program in Sustainable Community Planning

4. Motion from the Academic Standards Committee (Terry Ferris, Chair) to accept a Policy on Class Absence Due to Military Service.

**Policy on Class Absence Due to Military Service**

Students shall not be penalized for class absence due to required military obligations, as long as such class absence does not exceed 10% of course contact hours. Special permission for additional time may be granted by the instructor. Students are responsible for notifying faculty members of such circumstances as far in advance as possible and for providing documentation to the instructor to verify the reason for the absence. The instructor is responsible for providing reasonable accommodations or opportunities to make up exams or other course assignments that have an impact on the course grade. In all cases, the student is responsible for completing all course requirements.

David Rainville requested item #1 above be removed from the consent agenda; item #’s 2-4 were subsequently passed by consent. In returning to item #1, discussion took place regarding appointment of the Faculty Senate chair, with general agreement the person in this role would need to be approved by Faculty Senate per a motion passed by this body several years ago. David Rainville made a motion to amend item #1 by having “Faculty Senate Chair” moved from the “Faculty Senate does not vote on” clause to the portion of the item indicating the person would require Faculty Senate approval; John Heppen seconded this amendment. The amendment passed unanimously (22 of 22 voting members present at this point in the meeting). The Faculty Senate then returned to the original motion as amended, passing it unanimously (22 of 22 voting members present at this point in the meeting).

New Business:
  1. Discussion of the Master Plan Draft

  Dale Braun (Office of Integrated Planning) and various guests (e.g., architects, engineers) working on the draft of the UWRF master plan, presented an overview
of the evolving draft of this plan. They also fielded questions and feedback on the
draft plan.

2. Motion from the Academic Standards Committee (Terry Ferriss, Chair) on
    
    Summer/J-Term Grade Due Date Policy

    A motion to accept the Summer/J-Term Grade Due Date Policy was made by
    David Rainville; it was seconded by Hossein Najafi. Marshall Toman made a
    motion to amend this policy by moving the proposed grade due date from 5 days
    following the last day of class to 7 business days following the last day of class.
    The amendment to the motion carried (17 yeas; 2 neas; 3 abstentions of voting
    members present at this point in the motion). The Faculty Senate then returned
    to the original motion as amended. The motion carried (20 yeas; 1 nea; 1
    abstention of voting members present at this point in the meeting).

3. Motion from the Information & Instructional Technology Council (IITC; Brad
    Mogen, Chair) to reconfigure the IITC structure (Second Reading)

    A motion to accept the reconfiguration of the IITC structure as proposed by the
    IITC was made by Jennifer Willis-Rivera; it was seconded by Dawn Hukai.
    Wes Chapin then proposed an amendment to the motion per the attached
    document; John Heppen seconded this amendment. Jennifer Willis-Rivera then
    made a motion to postpone action on the amendment and the original motion to
    the Faculty Senate meeting scheduled for March 23, 2011; Kristie Feist
    seconded this motion. This motion to postpone action on the amendment and
    the original motion carried (12 yeas; 7 neas; 2 abstentions of voting members
    present at this point in the meeting).

4. Discussion on lessons learned from the current Living the Promise strategic plan:
    What worked, what didn’t work, and how can we use this information to develop
    the next strategic planning process?

    Discussion on lessons learned from the current strategic plan (i.e., Living the
    Promise) was not taken up at this meeting.

Miscellaneous New Business:
A question was raised about the content of the special Faculty Senate meeting at 3:30
p.m. on March 9, 2011. The Chair shared his perspective on the budget crisis and the
opportunity for Faculty Senate to determine its response to the issue at the special
meeting.

Adjournment:
A motion to adjourn was made by consensus. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.