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Agenda, April 20, 2011

Call to Order: 3:34 p.m., Willow River Room, UC
1. Seating of Substitutes
   Terry Ferriss for Dennis Cooper
   Nan Jordahl for Fernando Delgado

A motion to approve the seating of substitutes as outlined above was made by Marshall Toman; it was seconded by Barbara Stinson. The motion carried unanimously (18 of 18 voting members present at this point in the meeting).
2. Approval of the minutes from the April 6, 2011 meeting of the Faculty Senate

A motion to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2011 meeting of the Faculty Senate was made by Valerie Malzacher; it was seconded by Dawn Hukai. The motion carried unanimously (18 of 18 voting members present at this point in the meeting).

Reports:
Chair’s Report (James Madsen, CAS)
I recently attended the UW Board of Regents meeting at UW-Platteville. Discussion took place at that meeting on such topics such as a potential split of UW-Madison from the UW-System as well as a pending bill in that would require at least one representative from each state senate district on the UW Board of Regents.

As a point of information, I have distributed a working draft of the road map for the development of the next iteration of the UWRF strategic plan for review by the members of Faculty Senate. This issue will appear as an action item (i.e., approval of the road map) on the agenda of the April 27, 2011 meeting of the Faculty Senate.

I also distributed as part of my chair’s report for today’s meeting the data pertaining to the $100,000 Salary Distribution process per the motion passed by the Faculty Senate at its April 6, 2011 meeting.

A motion to form a special committee to review the $100,000 Salary Distribution process was made by David Rainville; it was seconded by John Heppen. The committee is to be made up of no fewer than five (5) faculty members, three (3) of whom must be members of Faculty Senate; one (1) member from the Faculty Compensation Committee; and one (1) other faculty member. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee will appoint such committee members by the next meeting of the Faculty Senate on April 27, 2011. This committee will make its recommendations for action by the May 4, 2011 meeting of the Faculty Senate. The motion carried (16 yeas; 0 neas; 4 abstentions of voting members present at this point in the meeting).

Vice Chair’s Report (Dawn Hukai, CBE)
The e-mail requesting nominations for the Termination Committee went out on April 19, 2011 and nominations are due to Dawn Hukai by April 26, 2011. The ballots for the election will go out on April 28, 2011 and they are due back to Polly Kleven in 116 North Hall by 4:00 p.m. on May 5, 2011. The results of this election will be announced by May 10, 2011.

The results of the at-large elections were as follows:
Dennis Cooper (CAFES) – Senior At-Large
Jane Harred (CAS) – Junior At-Large

Other Reports
Recruitment, Admissions, and Retention (Jennifer Willis-Rivera, Chair)
Jennifer Willis-Rivera reported on the various activities and discussions that have been addressed by the Recruitment, Admissions, and Retention Committee throughout the current academic year, including efforts to incorporate recruitment and retention goals for More Graduates for Wisconsin and the implementation of an Early Alert System for at-risk students.

Athletics Committee (Melissa Wilson, Chair)
Melissa Wilson began her report by introducing Mr. Roger Terness, the Athletic Director who is new to campus as of July 2010; Roger said a few words and he made himself available to any and everyone on campus to answer questions, to address concerns, or to entertain ideas related to the athletics programs on campus. Melissa continued her presentation by outlining some of the activities and discussions that have been addressed by the Athletics Committee throughout the current academic year, including the revision of a policy pertaining to the process of eliminating athletic programs (a policy that will be coming to Faculty Senate for its action at its May 4, 2011 meeting) as well as the appointment of Brian Schultz (CBE) as the male faculty representative to replace Jim Mulvey (CAS) who left the committee earlier this academic year. Melissa’s full report can be found at the Faculty Senate homepage.

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 at 12-1-2010 meeting.

New Business:
1. First reading of a proposed new section to Chapter III of the Faculty and Academic Staff Handbook made by Faculty Senator Wes Chapin

   3.4 Policies, Procedures, Processes and Guidelines

   Article I

   The purpose of this section of the Handbook is to record all policies, procedures, processes, guidelines, and related items that are not recorded in the Constitution, By-Laws, or other sections of the Handbook. This section is not intended to replace any other section of the Handbook, but to supplement them.

   AND the motion shall empower the Senate Vice Chair to incorporate all existing policies, procedures, processes, guidelines, and related items that have already been approved by the Senate but are not recorded in the Constitution, By-Laws, or other section of the Handbook.
2. Motion from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (James Madsen, Chair) to change Faculty and Academic Staff Handbook Article VI: Section B, items 1 and 4 (Changes shown below in **bold**)

Article VI - The Faculty Senate

Section B - Organizational Structure of the Faculty Senate

1. The faculty, for purposes of organization, shall be partitioned as follows: the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences; the College of Arts and Sciences; the College of Business and Economics; the College of Education and Professional Studies; and the remaining division (Fourth Division), composed of faculty within Student Personnel, University Services, and the Library. **An annual census of faculty members shall occur each spring semester and will include all faculty members under contract at the time of the census. The results will be used to apportion seats as follows:** Each of the five divisions shall elect one (1) senator for each thirty (30) staff members or major portion thereof. An additional seven (7) senators shall be elected from and by the faculty-at-large.

4. All faculty members **under contract at the time of the election** shall be eligible to nominate and vote for members of the Senate as provided for in Article VI, Section C of the Constitution.

*A motion to accept the proposed changes to the UWRF Faculty and Academic Staff Handbook was made by Wes Chapin; it was seconded by Robyne Tiedeman.*

*Wes Chapin then made a motion to amend the original motion to insert “(i.e., majority)” to the end of the following sentence: “Each of the five divisions shall elect one (1) senator for each thirty (30) staff members or major portion thereof.” The proposed amendment was seconded by Terry Ferriss. The amendment carried (20 of 20 voting members present at this point in the meeting).*

*Robyne Tiedeman then made a motion to amend the original motion to include the following wording: “The Vice Chair of Faculty Senate will conduct a census of the faculty each spring semester and will include all faculty members under contract at the time of the census.”; Barbara Stinson seconded this amendment. The amendment passed unanimously (20 of 20 voting members at this point in the meeting).*

*The Faculty Senate then returned to original motion as amended; the motion passed unanimously (20 of 20 voting members at this point in the meeting). This item will appear on the ballot for the upcoming Termination Committee*
election, as changes to the Constitution require a vote by the faculty and academic staff for approval and ratification.

3. Proposal from the Academic Standards Committee (Terry Ferriss, Chair) to accept a revised Policy 8.2.11: University Sponsored Off-Campus Activities and Field Trips (Attached)

A motion to accept the proposed revision of the University Sponsored Off-Campus Activities and Field Trips policy was made by Dawn Hukai; it was seconded by Jennifer Willis-Rivera.

Kristie Feist then made a motion to amend the original motion to include “or designee” at the end of the sentence “…as approved by the sponsoring Department and the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs” in the second paragraph of the proposed revised policy; Ashley Olson seconded this motion. This motion carried (15 yeas; 0 neas; 3 abstentions of voting members at this point in the meeting).

The Faculty Senate then returned to the original motion as amended. The motion carried (18 yeas; 1 nea; 1 abstention of voting members at this point in the meeting).

4. Proposal from the Academic Standards Committee (Terry Ferriss, Chair) to revise the Academic Suspension and Probation Policy (Attached)

A motion to accept the proposed revision of the Academic Suspension and Probation Policy was made by Terry Ferriss; it was seconded by John Heppen. The motion carried unanimously (20 of 20 voting members at this point in the meeting).

Miscellaneous New Business:

1. Resolution from the Faculty Senate of UW-LaCrosse regarding the Cronon Issue

Jim Madsen (Chair, Faculty Senate) shared with the UWRF Faculty Senate a resolution from UW-LaCrosse pertaining to academic freedom and intimidation by politicians. Wes Chapin made a motion to have Robyne Tiedeman adapt and craft a similar resolution to be considered by Faculty Senate at its next meeting on April 27, 2011; Barbara Stinson seconded this motion. The motion carried (18 yeas; 0 neas; 1 abstention of voting members at this point in the meeting).

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned by consensus at 5:15 p.m.