Minutes of the UWRF Faculty Senate Executive Committee for January 26, 2011

Present: James Madsen (Chair; CAS); Dawn Hukai (Vice Chair; CBE); Todd A. Savage (Secretary; CEPS); Stephen Reed (At-Large; 4th Division), Jennifer Willis-Rivera (At-Large; CAS)

Agenda – January 26, 2011

The 2010-2011 UWRF Faculty Senate Executive Committee met on Wednesday January 26, 2011 from 1:35 p.m. to 2:55 p.m. in 114 North Hall.

Call to Order

1. Call to order
The meeting was called to order by Jim Madsen (Chair) at 1:35 p.m.

2. Approval of the minutes from the January 12, 2011 meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee
The minutes of the January 12, 2011 Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dawn Hukai; it was seconded by Jennifer Willis-Rivera. The motion carried (Four ayes; one abstention).

Reports
Chair’s Report (James Madsen, CAS)
No Chair’s Report was presented at this meeting.

Vice Chair’s Report (Dawn Hukai, CBE)
The election lists have been made available to the members of Faculty Senate. One inquiry came in regarding the list, which has been addressed directly with the person in-question.

Other Reports
No other reports were presented at this meeting.

Unfinished Business

1. UPG Steering Committee membership
The following faculty members are being recommended to serve on the UPG Steering Committee:

Brad Mogen (CAS)
Steve Kelm (CAFES)
Brian Schultz (CBE)

A motion to forward these recommendations to Faculty Senate was made by Jennifer Willis-Rivera; it was seconded by Dawn Hukai. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Ad hoc Committee on Constitutional Reform chairpersonship
   A discussion took place regarding feedback received from the members of the ad hoc Committee on Constitutional Reform regarding the selection of a chairperson for this committee. Jim Madsen will discuss with Wes Chapin (Faculty Senate Parliamentarian) how to address from a procedural perspective the postponement of a motion made in a previous Faculty Senate meeting pertaining to the appointment of a chair for this committee.

3. Resolution on contribution to retirement funds
   Dawn Hukai continues to work on this resolution.

New Business

1. Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Task Force

   The Undergraduate Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity (URSCA) Task Force is a non-standing university committee that will provide the Chancellor and Provost with recommendations on how to support more effectively undergraduate research (broadly defined to include all disciplines). In its work, the Task Force will examine the effectiveness of current UWRF programs and will learn about and consider national best practices on undergraduate research. As part of its work, the Task Force will study how the University can better “capture” and track the range of undergraduate research activities on campus, thereby facilitating future assessment and goal setting. The Task Force will deliver written observations, options, and recommendations to the Chancellor and the Chair of Faculty Senate. These recommendations will be considered as UWRF develops its next strategic plan.

   Also, the Task Force will provide feedback on a proposed pilot project that will support students and faculty in establishing a more intentional program of summer undergraduate research for the summer of 2011 and the 2011-2012 academic year.

   Proposed Task Force Membership
   - Gregg Hadley (CAFES), Chair
   - Travis Tubré (CAS)
   - Sharyl Samargia (CEPS)
   - Wei Zheng (CBE)
   - David Milne (CAS; Department Chair, Music)
   - Karl Peterson (CAS; Department Chair-Elect, Chemistry)
   - Tim Morris (student and SURCA president) [requires approval of Student Senate]
   - Molly VanWagner (Grants/Research)
   - Ex-Officio: Bill Campbell (advisor, President of Council on Undergraduate Research and retired from UWRF)

   A motion to recommend the aforementioned slate of people to serve on the URSCA was made by Dawn Hukai; it was seconded by Stephen Reed. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Faculty Senate Committee Chairs’ report schedule

   Jim Madsen reviewed the dates of Faculty Senate and Faculty Senate Executive Committee meetings for the spring 2011 semester as well as potential schedule for Faculty Senate Committee chairs to present reports related to their various activities.
Miscellaneous New Business
No miscellaneous new business was addressed at this meeting.

Old business
No old business was addressed at this meeting.

Adjournment
A motion to adjourn was made by Dawn Hukai; it was seconded by Jennifer Willis-Rivera. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.