Minutes of the UWRF Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting for June 7, 2011

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

Agenda – June 7, 2011

The 2011-2012 UWRF Faculty Senate Executive Committee met on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 from 3:35 p.m. to 6:17 p.m. in 353 Kleinpell Fine Arts Building.

Call to Order:

1. Call to order
   *The meeting was called to order by Wes Chapin (Chair) at 3:35 p.m.*

2. Approval of the minutes from the May 9, 2011 meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee
   *The minutes of the May 9, 2011 Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Marshall Toman; it was seconded by Hossein Najafi. The motion carried unanimously.*

Reports:

Chair’s Report (Wesley Chapin, CAS)

*I have met with Chancellor Van Galen, Provost Delgado, and Vice Chancellor Harbouk to discuss various matters, including possible issues to be addressed by Faculty Senate during 2011-2012 (e.g., an academic plan proposal). Otherwise, I consider the agenda here to serve as my Chair’s report. Regarding the academic plan proposal, Hossein Najafi moved to endorse the following resolution; Marshall Toman seconded this motion:*

   *Resolution Pertaining to the Academic Planning Process*

   *Whereas the academic plan is the heart of the University and is, therefore, the heart of a strategic plan; and*

   *Whereas, the bullet points contained in the academic plan proposal being worked on by the Provost represent issue for UWRF; therefore*

   *Bet it resolved, the bullet points be considered ahead of the strategic planning process activities in August 2011 and that the members of campus have an opportunity to review the proposal and provide feedback accordingly.*
Vice Chair’s Report (Marshall Toman, CAS)
No Vice Chair’s report was presented at today’s meeting

Other Reports
No other reports were presented at this meeting.

Summer 2011 Meeting Schedule
The Faculty Senate Executive Committee will meet on the following dates during summer 2011:
    Thursday, June 16, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. in 114 North Hall
    Thursday, August 11, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in 353 Kleinpell Fine Arts Building

Unfinished Business
No unfinished business was addressed at this meeting.

New Business
1. Agenda for the June 14, 2011 Faculty Senate Meeting
   a. Report regarding revisions to Program Prioritization
      Jim Zimmerman (Chair, Academic Programs & Policies Committee) and Michael
      Miller (Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Graduate Studies)
      have requested to come speak to the Faculty Senate regarding proposed revisions
      to the Program Prioritization process.

   b. Consent Agenda Items:
      1. Proposed changes to the graduate program in School Counseling
      2. Proposed suspension of the Ethnic Studies minor
      3. Summer strategic planning task force appointments

   c. Items from the International Programs Committee (Marshall Toman, Chair)
      • Report: UWRF has had a long-running exchange agreement with the Monterrey
        Institute of Technology and Higher Education (in Spanish, Instituto Tecnológico
        y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey) or ITESM for short. The IP moved to
        allow the agreement to lapse because of little exchange activity.
      • Motion (as amended by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee) (First Reading):
        Add a new duty to the International Programs Committee, after current item d and
        re-letter the remaining duties: To act as an advisory body to the Director of Global
        Connections and, to this end and in order to assist in the timely review of
        Education Abroad courses, to schedule bi-weekly meetings at the beginning of
        each semester and to appoint a Vice Chair of the committee who, in the absence
        of the chair, could convene the committee within as expeditious a time as
        possible. In its advisory capacity, the committee can be convened by the chair, or
        in the event of the chair’s unavailability, the vice chair, at any regularly scheduled
        meeting or at a special meeting requested by the Director of Global Connections.
        Also, in order to assist in its advisory capacity, “Global Connections Advisory
        Issues” shall be a running agenda item, and the Director of Global Connections
        can suggest the chair or vice chair invite any visitor to the committee who may
        have special knowledge in regard to any particular advisory issue. Such decisions
        shall be reported to the Faculty Senate in a timely manner.
• **Motion:** Education abroad leaders should be active tenure-line Faculty Members. The committee recommends the following as a general policy: Education abroad leaders should be active tenure-line faculty members. Junior faculty should be encouraged to develop new education abroad courses or take over existing programs. Retirees should be considered only if their courses meet UWRF’s strategic needs, and there is no alternative.

**d. Resolution from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (Wes Chapin, Chair)**

*A Resolution in Support of Wisconsin Taxpayers by Saving Money with WiscNet*

Whereas, on Friday, June 3, 2011, the Wisconsin Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance passed motion 489 that contained a provision that would eliminate WiscNet as a department or office within the UW-Madison Department of Information Technology and eliminate $1.4 million in funding for WiscNet for 2012-13; and

Whereas, WiscNet provides vital broadband network access to all public institutions of higher education including the UW System (UW), Wisconsin technical colleges and many private colleges and universities in Wisconsin, 95% of public libraries and 80% of school districts; and

Whereas, without WiscNet, these institutions would be forced to seek internet services from private telecommunications providers. All schools and public libraries could see a significant average cost increase greater than the current costs through WiscNet; and

Whereas, Wisconsin taxpayers benefit from millions of dollars in savings through the services WiscNet provides to these educational institutions; and

Whereas WiscNet embodies the “Wisconsin Idea” and has fostered collaboration between higher education, K-12 education and public libraries for the past 16 years that will disappear; and

Whereas, motion 489 could undermine the ability of UW faculty members to receive grants and conduct their research; therefore,

Be it resolved that the University of Wisconsin River Falls Faculty Senate request a motion be introduced to delete sections 23-26 of Motion 489 on the floor of the legislature before the budget bill is approved by the legislators and sent to Governor Walker for his signature; and

Be it further resolved, that the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Faculty Senate requests the Wisconsin Legislature restore WiscNet funding so this cost-effective internet service for all Wisconsin institutions of higher education, K-12 schools, and public libraries remains viable.

*Thank you to Michele McKnelly for presenting this resolution for consideration.

*Dennis Cooper made a motion to endorse this resolution per Article VI, Section D, Number 5 of the UWRF Constitution; Marshall Toman seconded this motion. The motion*
carried unanimously. Wes Chapin (Chair) will forward this resolution to various entities (e.g., media outlets, state representatives, etc.) for their information.

e. Motions from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (Wes Chapin, Chair)

   1. Appointment of Special Committee*

      Motion to form an ad hoc Committee to conduct an independent review of a Non-Tenure Decision (as per 4.4.3.1 of the Handbook). Note: Committee consists of a non-voting chair, and five voting members. The first six members will comprise the committee. There are a couple of individuals who have significant restrictions on their schedule. The additional members are alternates.

      1. Chair, David Rainville (non-voting), UW-River Falls Professor
      2. Brahma Dathan, Metropolitan State University, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Information and Computer Sciences
      3. Michael Eierman, UW-Oshkosh, Professor and Chair of the Information Systems Department; Director, MSIS
      4. Bruce Lo, UW-Eau Claire, Professor, Management Information Systems Department (only available June 17-30).
      5. Steven Schlough, UW-Stout, Professor and program director of Information and Communication Technologies M.S. (former Senate Chair, must be done by June 24 or after July 5)
      6. Paul Ambrose, UW-Whitewater, Associate Professor in the Department of Information Technology and Business Education, and Co-Director of the Wisconsin Center for IT Services
      7. Alternate: David Munro, UW-Whitewater, Associate Professor in the Department of Information Technology and Business Education
      8. Alternate: Thomas Hilton, UW-Eau Claire, Professor and Chair of the Management Information Systems Department
      9. Alternate: Anthony Keys, UW-Eau Claire, Associate Professor, Department of Information Systems

      *Hossein Najafi recused himself of participating in any and all discussion and decision making related to this matter.

g. Committee and Chair appointments for 2011-2012

      See the accompanying document containing the recommendations for committee membership and chair appointments.

g. Committee Charges for 2011-2012

      These charges will be reviewed at a future date.

h. Academic Plan Proposal

      Motion to include the following in Chapter 3.4 of the Handbook, and to authorize the Vice Chair to renumber the section if necessary.
Preface amendment
Motion to add a new section of the UWRF Faculty and Academic Staff Handbook, preface, and to make it effective for the 2011-2012 Handbook upon final approval. (Note: This proposed change to the Handbook requires two readings and a majority of members to pass)

Insert the following **bold** language after Chapter 3, 3.3 Faculty By-Laws

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*Effective immediately upon approval*

i. **Motion to include the following in Chapter III of the Handbook, and to authorize the Vice Chair to renumber the section if necessary. [Note: These policies were used by the Faculty Senate during the last election]**

**Senate Officer Elections:**
Nominations shall be taken for each position on the Executive Committee (i.e. those defined in the Constitution). Senators may either nominate themselves, or other senators. Prior to the vote, every candidate will have an opportunity to address the Senate and respond to any questions that might be posed. After all presentations for a specific office are completed, voting shall commence. A majority of the votes cast is necessary for a candidate to be declared the winner. Any ballot that results in a majority shall suffice to elect a winner. However, if no candidate receives a majority after one round, the top two candidates shall be placed onto a new ballot. If, at any stage, there is a tie, it shall be broken by random lot (e.g. coin toss, or other mechanism agreed upon at the time of the election by the candidates involved if more than two candidates are tied).

j. **Motion to include the following in Chapter III of the Handbook, and to authorize the Vice Chair to renumber the section if necessary. [Note: Policy changes are in bold]**

**Senate Committee Chair Appointments:**
Chair appointments for several committees include reassignment time (Motion 2009-10/36): Academic Policy and Program (0.25 for one semester), Assessment Committee (0.25 for one semester), Faculty Welfare and Personnel Policies Committee (0.25 for one semester), General Education and University Requirements Committee (0.25 for two semesters), Information and Instructional Technology Council (0.25 for one semester), and University Curriculum Committee (0.25 for two
Appointments to these assignments will be made near the end of the fall semester preceding the appointment year, or as soon as practical in spring semester, to allow departments to modify course schedules and/or hire replacements appropriately.

k. Technical Correction to Tech Council subcommittee memberships
(Changes are indicated in bold)

Current:
Section O: I – Instructional and Learning Technology Committee

2. Membership (15 total):
   a. Chair of ILTC (faculty member appointed by Faculty Senate)
   b. Vice-Chair of ILTC (DoTS – CIO Appointment)
   c. CEPS (1) (Faculty Senate Appointment)
   d. CAS (1) (Faculty Senate Appointment)
   e. CAFES (1) (Faculty Senate Appointment)
   f. CBE (1) (Faculty Senate Appointment)
   g. Faculty at-large (2) (Faculty Senate Appointment)

Proposed:
2. Membership (15 total):
   a. Chair of ILTC (faculty member appointed by Faculty Senate annually from the faculty list below: b-g)
   b. Vice-Chair of ILTC (DoTS – CIO Appointment)
   c. CEPS (1) (Faculty Senate Appointment)
   d. CAS (1) (Faculty Senate Appointment)
   e. CAFES (1) (Faculty Senate Appointment)
   f. CBE (1) (Faculty Senate Appointment)
   g. Faculty at-large (3) (Faculty Senate Appointment) [amend to say 3 instead of 2]

Current:
Section O: II – Technology Services Committee

2. Membership (13 total):
   a. Chair of Technology Services Committee ()
   b. Vice-Chair of Technology Services Committee (faculty member appointed by Faculty Senate)
   c. Faculty at-large (2) (Faculty Senate Appointment)

Proposed:
2. Membership (13 total):
   a. Chair of Technology Services Committee (DoTS – CIO Appointment)
   b. Vice-Chair of Technology Services Committee (at-large faculty member appointed by Faculty Senate annually)
   c. Faculty at-large (3) (Faculty Senate Appointment) [amend to say 3 instead of 2]

Current:
Section O: III – University Web Committee

1. Purpose: The University Web Committee provides coordination and oversight for all content, applications, and services integrated into the university’s Web site or associated with the Web site. This committee also assures that the policies and procedures regarding the university’s Web site exist, are followed, and are current.
2. Membership (18 total):
   a. Chair of University Web Committee (DoTS – CIO Appointment)
   b. Vice-Chair of University Web Committee (faculty member appointed by Faculty Senate)
   c. CEPS (1) (Faculty Senate Appointment)
   d. CAS (1) (Faculty Senate Appointment)
   e. CAFES (1) (Faculty Senate Appointment)
   f. CBE (1) (Faculty Senate Appointment)

Proposed:
2. Membership (18 total):
   a. Chair of University Web Committee (DoTS – CIO Appointment)
   b. Vice-Chair of University Web Committee (faculty member appointed by Faculty Senate annually from the faculty list below: c-g)
   c. CEPS (1) (Faculty Senate Appointment)
   d. CAS (1) (Faculty Senate Appointment)
   e. CAFES (1) (Faculty Senate Appointment)
   f. CBE (1) (Faculty Senate Appointment)
   g. Faculty at large (1) (Faculty Senate Appointment)

Re-letter remaining items.
This motion will take effect immediately upon final passage.

Miscellaneous New Business:
No miscellaneous new business was addressed at today’s meeting.

Adjournment:
A motion to adjourn was made by Dennis Cooper; it was seconded by Hossein Najafi. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.