Call to Order: David Rainville called the meeting to order at 3:36 pm

Seating of Substitutes- Todd Savage for Michael Miller, Dawn Hukai for Glenn Potts

Recognition of Invited Guests: Charles Rader

Approval of Minutes of April 8, 2009: Approval of the minutes was moved by Jennifer Willis-Rivera and seconded by Hilary Pollack. The minutes were approved by a vote of 13 for, 3 abstentions, and 5 abstentions.

Chair’s Report:
Chair David Rainville will be attending the next Faculty Reps meeting. The Executive Committee received the resignation of Glenn Potts. The first meeting of the new Faculty Senate will be on May 15 at 1 p.m. in the Willow River Room.
**Vice Chair’s Report:** Senior at-large elections were completed – Marshall Toman and Dawn Hukai were elected. Robyne Tiedeman was elected junior at-large. The constitutional amendment passed unanimously.

**Other Reports:**
1. David Furniss - Instructional Academic Staff ad hoc Committee: David Furniss received a memo from Terry Brown with a draft of a proposal for the titling of instructional academic staff at four levels. Insertion of the new language will be in Chapter Six of the Faculty and Academic Staff Handbook. Furniss said he wanted to recognize the work of Sandy Soares on this item.

2. Charles Rader - International Programs Committee: The committee has been meeting, and trying to organize the tasks related to the strategic plan. They did a SWOT analysis and there were close to 120 respondents on the survey. International consultants are coming to campus, and the committee is working on the establishment of a Fullbright coordinator on campus.

**Unfinished Business**

**New Business Consent Agenda:**
1. Approval of Program Changes (from AP&P - Cecilia Bustamante, Chair):
   - Content Change and Credits Change; Broad Area English Education Major

Approval of the consent agenda was moved by Dennis Cooper and seconded by Kathleen Hunzer. The consent agenda passed by a unanimous vote.

**New Business:**
1. A motion from the Executive Committee to appoint David Furniss (2007-2010) as Chair of the General Education and University Requirements Committee for the 2009-2010 Academic year. This appointment carries a 0.25 release for both semesters of the academic year.

Approval of this motion was moved by Sarah Parks and seconded by Jennifer Willis-Rivera. The motion passed unanimously.

2. A motion from the Executive Committee to appoint Brad Mogen (2007-2010 FWPP, 2008-2011 ILTC) as Chair of both the Faculty Welfare and Personnel Policies Committee and the Information and Instructional Technology Council. These appointments carry a total of 0.25 release for both semesters of the academic year.

Approval of this motion was moved by Dennis Cooper and seconded by David Furniss. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3. A motion from the Executive Committee to appoint James Zimmerman (2007-2010) as Chair of Academic Program and Policy Committee for the 2009-2010 Academic
year. This appointment carries a 0.25 release for one semester only of the academic year. The semester of the release is to be determined by the James Zimmerman and the Chair of Communication Studies and Theatre Arts Department.

Approval of this motion was moved by Kathleen Hunzer and seconded by Kristie Feist. The motion passed unanimously.

4. A motion from the Assessment Committee (Joy Benson, Chair) to recommend the Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency (CAAP) test assess general education for reporting with respect to UWRF's participation in VSA (Voluntary System of Accountability). The Advising Committee further recommends that the process for administering the test be administered by the Provost's Office in a manner similar to that used for NSSE. This recommendation for use of CAAP is for one year only until the Committee can assess the use of the test.

This motion was also considered by Academic Policy and Program which also approved it.

UWRF's participation in VSA was agreed to by Chancellor Betz in the fall of 2007 as part of a request to UWS institutions by UWS Administration. All UWS institutions are participating.

Approval of this item was moved by Dawn Hukai and seconded by Jennifer Willis-Rivera.

One senator asked how students will be selected and compelled to take the testing required with this option. Another senator asked if there were any consequences if the institution was found below average.

Wes Chapin moved to postpone this item and was seconded by Laine Vignona. The motion to postpone failed by a vote of 5 for, 14 opposed, and 1 abstention.

One senator noted that General Education used this test back in the 1990s.

After more discussion, Terry Ferriss moved to postpone this item due to the lack of supporting information and was seconded by Karl Peterson. It was requested that the committee or their representative be present at the next Senate meeting to provide further information. The motion to postpone passed by a vote of 16 for, 5 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

5. A motion from the International Programs Committee (Charles Rader - Chair) to establish a UWRF Fulbright Coordinator.

The Faculty Senate International Programs Committee calls for the establishment of a UWRF Fulbright Coordinator position, in order to promote an active Fulbright program on campus. A faculty member would be appointed for up to a
three-year term and receive 1-credit overload or equivalent summer stipend as annual compensation. The position should commence as soon as practical.

Approval of this motion was moved by Dennis Cooper and seconded by Terry Ferriss.

A senator asked where the source of funding would come in; Rader replied that that was the purpose of including the phrase “as soon as practical” in the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**Miscellaneous New Business:**

1. A **motion** from the Executive Committee to add an Initiative (7.4) to Goal 7 of UWRF’s Strategic Plan. This initiative would reflect the work of the Faculty Senate *ad hoc* Committee on Instructional Academic Staff Issues. Please note that this does not change what is currently in Goal 7 (Invest in Human Resources), it only adds to it.

Goal 7 with New Initiative:

Goal 7: Invest in Human Resources

  UWRF will invest in the present and future quality of the University

  Initiative 7.1 - Strive to enhance compensation and benefits plans for all UW-River Falls employees

  Initiative 7.2 - Review and/or clarify the performance expectations of all UW-River Falls employees

  Initiative 7.3 - Increase financial support and expand opportunities for continuing faculty and staff professional development

  **Initiative 7.4 - Initiative to address the needs of Instructional Academic Staff**

  The proposed change/addition is in bold print.

Current Goal 7:

Goal 7: Invest in Human Resources

  UWRF will invest in the present and future quality of the University

  Initiative 7.1 - Strive to enhance compensation and benefits plans for all UW-River Falls employees

  Initiative 7.2 - Review and/or clarify the performance expectations of all UW-River Falls employees

  Initiative 7.3 - Increase financial support and expand opportunities for continuing
faculty and staff professional development

It was pointed out that it should read, “Address the needs of Instructional Academic Staff” (removal of the words “Initiative to”).

One senator noted that while the initiatives address all employees, the tasks underneath them pertain mostly to faculty. He also suggested this be made as a task, not an initiative. He suggested that the spirit of the motion was good, but that the ad hoc committee on instructional academic staff be tasked with writing these.

John Heppen made a motion to move this item forward and was seconded David Furniss. The motion failed unanimously.

Adjournment at 4:59 p.m.