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Agenda, September 21, 2011

Call to Order, Seating of Substitutes, & Approval of Minutes

1. Call to order

   The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m., Willow River Room, UC

2. Seating of Substitutes
   Michael Miller for Fernando Delgado
   Maggie Clark for Kristie Feist
   Glenn Spiczak for James Madsen
   Valerie Malzacher for Barbara Stinson

   The seating of the substitutes was approved by consensus of the Faculty Senate.
3. Approval of the minutes from the September 7, 2011 meeting of the Faculty Senate

A motion to approve the minutes from the September 7, 2011 meeting of the Faculty Senate was made by David Rainville; it was seconded by Ian Williams. The minutes were approved by consensus of the Faculty Senate.

Reports
Chair’s Report (Wes Chapin, CAS)

Senate Appointments
-I recently learned Barbara Nielsen has received some good news regarding her medical condition, and it appears she may be able to return to work sometime soon. After consulting with Lowell McCann, the Executive Committee agreed it made sense to have him continue as UCC chair until Barb is able to return, at which time she will resume chairing the committee. There is a motion on today’s agenda to this effect.
-We continue to have a number of committee openings. Please, convey them to your colleagues and ask them to contact me if you find volunteers. Committee vacancies still needing to be filled include:
  -Assessment Committee (CAFES)
  -Technology Council (CEPS; CAFES representative on leave with no replacement)
  -Faculty Welfare and Personnel Policies (Academic Staff)

Constitutional Amendments
-Now that the minutes from the September 7, 2011 meeting of the Faculty Senate are approved, the constitutional amendments will be sent out. There will be at least four weeks for people to vote, significantly more than the two weeks requested in the Constitution.

Senate Motions
-The Chancellor has signed motions 27, 28, and 29, the three sent to him from our last meeting. The other motions will be sent to him if the referenda votes are positive.

Basic Processes
-After talking with Polly Kleven, it appears the new Website will be up and running within several weeks and, perhaps, sooner. The plan is to use some of the old Senate Web pages (e.g., old committee minutes) in a static mode and link to them, rather than saving all the pages from the old to the new site. Vice Chancellor Joseph Harbouk has also offered to donate some staff assistance to speed up this process.

Strategic Planning
-Vice Chancellor Joseph Harbouk (Chair, Strategic Planning Coordinating Group) will provide an update to the Senate at our regular meeting at the October 19, 2011.
-On November 2, 2011, there will be a Town Hall meeting, tentatively scheduled
to convene in the Kinni Theater in the UC, and designed to coincide with the regularly-scheduled meeting of the Faculty Senate that day.

Faculty Representatives Meeting
-I will be attending the first Faculty Representatives meeting of the 2011-2012 year on September 30, 2011 in Madison, and I will report back to the Senate afterward.

Ad hoc Committee
-Our recommendations should be on the next agenda.
-Michelle Parkinson has also organized two brown-bag lunch meetings in the UC and she has issued open invitations to attend and to discuss how Senate operates: October 18, 2011 at noon in Pete’s Corner and November 4, 2011 at 11:30 a.m., also in Pete’s Corner.
-Michelle has also drafted a nice visual representation of governance we will share when finalized.

Vice Chair’s Report (Marshall Toman, CAS)
The ballots for the upcoming divisional elections in CAFES and CAS are ready to go and they will be distributed within the next couple of days. Completed ballots will be due back sometime the week of October 3, 2011.

Other Reports
Jane Harred reported on the proceedings of the Academic Staff Council meeting that took place on September 20, 2011. Items discussed included the possibility of reviving the constitutional reform issue raised in recent years as well as instructional academic staff issues. Maureen Olie-LaJoie (Chair, Academic Staff Council) will follow up with Wes Chapin (Chair, Faculty Senate) regarding these matters.

Consent Items
1. Motion from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (Wes Chapin, Chair) to appoint Barb Nielson (CAS) as chair of the University Curriculum Committee when she both returns to work in fall 2011 and is able to resume her duties as chair, for whatever period of time remains in the semester, replacing Lowell McCann.

2. Motion from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (Wes Chapin, Chair) to approve the following appointments:

   Technology Council
   Ross Jilk (CAS; term ends 2013)
   Glenn Spiczak (At-large; term ends 2013)

   ILTC
   Matt Vonk (CAS; term ends 2013)

   Compensation Committee
   Kurt Leichtle (At-large; term ends 2013)
**Wes Chapin asked to have item #2 removed from the consent agenda. Item #1 passed by consensus of the Faculty Senate.**

**Unfinished Business**

1. Motion from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (Wes Chapin, Chair) to amend the *By-Laws*, Article III, Section S by removing all references to “Vice Chair” and replacing them with “Elections Chair” (this language refers to the process for conducting Termination Committee elections). This motion will take effect if the referendum amending officer definitions is approved, and at the same time.

(Note: this issue is “linked” to the constitutional amendment to redefine officers passed at the last Senate meeting and awaiting a vote by the faculty in a referendum. The motion above refers specifically to changing the language regarding Termination Committee elections from the responsibility of the Vice Chair to the proposed Elections Chair)

*David Rainville moved to approve this motion as presented; Brad Mogen seconded. The motion passed unanimously (18 of 18 voting members present at this point in the meeting).*

**First Readings**

*No first readings appeared on the agenda for today’s meeting.*

**New Business**

1. Motion from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (Wes Chapin, Chair) serving as the Committee on Committees to form an ad hoc *International Laboratory Working Group*, which would function as a subcommittee of the International Programs Committee

- Charge: Conduct a review of the university’s goals for internationalization focusing on faculty development, curricula, infrastructure, and related issue areas, and to report and make recommendations to the Faculty Senate through the International Programs Committee

- Composition: Three Chancellor appointees; five faculty members, one of whom will serve as chair, appointed by the International Programs Committee and subject to approval by Faculty Senate; and a student member as approved by Student Senate. Faculty members of the subcommittee need not necessarily be members of the International Programs Committee. The International Programs Committee will solicit potential faculty members from the general campus community.

- Timeline: This body will cease to exist no later than March 29, 2013, unless reauthorized by the Faculty Senate

*Dennis Cooper moved to approve the motion as presented; Kris Butler seconded. The motion passed unanimously (18 of 18 voting members present at this point in the meeting).*
Miscellaneous Business

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Marshall Toman moved to address this motion under miscellaneous new business; Kris Butler seconded this motion.

Hossein Najafi then moved to amend the motion to appoint Arpan Jani (CBE) and Kenneth Ecker (CEPS) to fill the vacancies on the University Curriculum Committee; Todd A. Savage seconded this amendment. The amendment passed unanimously (18 of 18 voting members present at this point in the meeting).

Faculty Senate then returned to the original motion as amended. The motion passed unanimously (18 of 18 voting members present at this point in the meeting).

Adjournment

This meeting of the Faculty Senate was adjourned at 3:55 p.m. by consensus of the Faculty Senate.