

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
February 4, 2014

Present: Alexandrov, Basler, Bentivenga, Beyer, Chappy, Chybowski, Cowling, Garrison, Hoglund, Liske, Loewenstein, McCann, Neal, Petronicolos, Price, Robson, Roth, Saginak, Siemers, Simmons, Sipes, Stojilovic

Absent: Bryan, Kostman

Excused: Eichler-Levine

Administrative Representative: Provost Earns

Academic Staff Representative: Mike Watkins

Oshkosh Student Association Representative: Absent

Guests: Representative Gordon Hintz, Jamie Ceman, Alex Hummel, Shawn Hansen, Karen Heikel,

Minutes in Brief:

At the February 4, 2014 meeting of the Faculty Senate, State Assemblyman Gordon Hintz discussed and answered a wide array of questions related to the state budget, taxes, Chancellor Wells' retirement, faculty salaries, and the UW surplus. President Neal reported on the recent meetings of the Provost's Staff and Faculty Representatives. Neal also provided a brief update on the tabled proposal for a Comprehensive Advising Plan that will come back to the senate for reconsideration mid-March. IMC Director Jamie Ceman and Alex Hummel reported on and gave a demonstration on the new University Home Page. The senate appointed Michael Ford and Melissa Bublitz to the Institutional Review Board. The senate approved twelve APC Program Action curricular items and the Physics & Astronomy Program Review. President Neal lead a discussion over potential changes to the Distinguished Teaching Award decision process and gave an update on the new SOS distribution procedures. The senate endorsed the new WAGS 226 USP Quest III course with a minor suggestion for revision in the course's grading system.

President Neal called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

I. State of the University -

A. Reports

1. OSA (TBD) – no report
2. SAS (Watkins) – No action items at last meeting, just discussion items focusing on: the new web page preview was given; a survey was done in fall on how academic staff across campus wish to be more informed and those results leading to some upcoming information sharing; and finally the senate is looking into a better archive system for their record keeping.
3. PAS (Neal) – Three searches are under way: CIO, USP Director, and AVC for Academic Affairs; February BOR will include discussion related to the dissolution of the collaborative Social Work Masters degree program with UW Green Bay; NESSE survey will be coming out this spring; A current delay in New Engineering program until HLC gives needed approval; and the Viessmann Endowed Professorship is still being worked on.
4. Faculty Reps (Neal) - (1) Faculty Lobbying was discussed, (2) 12 month pay was shared as not a high priority; (3) PowerPoint on how GPR and Tuition allocations are determined for UW Institutions; (4) Faculty workload that was supposed to be on the BOR agenda for March, will no longer be; and (5) the 30 credit transfer rule will be determined.

- B. Representative Gordon Hintz – Representative Hintz gave an update on where they are at in Madison, and their timeframes. Economic effects on biennium were highlighted as well as current issues. A credit for being an asset to system and our campus, Chancellor Wells was noted that he will be missed. Questions and answers were held with senators, on topics such as: the Higher Education Lower Debt bill; deficit and surplus vs. debt, possibility of a call for a constitutional convention, possible reapportionment system being considered, and salary monies. He reminded the senate that issues can take time to change but some do if we are patient enough.

II. Minutes of December 10, 2013

MOTION: Moved approval of the December 10, 2013 minutes by McCann/Robson. Passed.

III. Old Business –

- A. Update on the Proposal for the Comprehensive Academic Advising Plan – President Neal informed the senate that the materials won't be coming back until March, as their committee doesn't meet until later this month.

IV. New Business

- A. Roll out of the new University Home Page – Jamie Ceman, Alex Hummel, & Shawn Hansen – The demonstration included how the new web page will look as well as the intent to highlight things happening around campus and show it off at the forefront for the public and main site to be seen. New updated drop down boxes and the ongoing profile of faculty, staff and students. Also new is a great spotlight and focus on faculty called the 'Faculty Five', highlighting five great reasons of why being a faculty is rewarding. The new website will go live on February 12th, 2014.
- B. Committee Appointments – IRB – Michael Ford & Melissa Bublitz

MOTION: Move to approve the committee appointments by Bentivenga/Sipes. Passed.

FS 1314-15 The Faculty Senate approved the following Committee appointments to IRB: Michael Ford & Melissa Bublitz.

C. APC items

- I. Program Action Routing Sheets (Form C's)
1. COB: Remove CS 221 from list of options for programming languages [pp 294-296]
 2. COB: Change of curriculum for the Computer Science Emphasis [pp 297-299]
 3. COLS: Geography Major and Minor: add GEOG 211 to list of electives [pp 300-302]
 4. COLS: Journalism Major: add course to Journalism major's required core courses [pp 303-305]
 5. COLS: Physics Major: Increase Chemistry requirements from CHEM 105 to CHEM 105 and CHEM 106 [pp 306-310]
 6. COLS: Social Work Major: Remove SW 368 as required course [pp 311-313]
 7. COLS: History 343: Religion in Modern Europe – New Course [pp 314-316]
 8. COLS: SOC JUST/COMM 427: Rhetorical Criticism – new course [pp 317-319]
 9. COLS: Social Work Major: change Physical Education Option to include more options than PE 105 [pp 320-322]
 10. COLS: Art –MFA: Delete the following courses - 548, 647, 701, 734, 741, 745, 747, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 767, 771, 775, 791, 793, 795, 796, 799 [pp 323-325]
 11. COEHS: Proposed Certificate Program: Literacy Coaching [pp 326-338]
 12. LLCE: Approve new Public Safety Administration emphasis in the Leadership and Organizational Studies Major [pp 339-343]

MOTION: Move to approve APC items 1-12 by Hوجلund/Loewenstein. Passed.

FS 1314-16 The Faculty Senate approved the following APC items: COB-Remove CS 221 from list of options; COB- Change of curriculum for the Computer Science Emphasis; COLS- Geography Major and Minor-add GEOG 211 to list of electives; COLS- Journalism Major- add course to Journalism major's required core courses; COLS- Physics Major- Increase Chemistry requirements from CHEM 105 to CHEM 105 and CHEM 106; COLS- Social Work Major: Remove SW 368 as required course; COLS- History 343- Religion in Modern Europe – New Course; COLS- SOC JUST/COMM 427-Rhetorical Criticism – new course; COLS- Social Work Major- change Physical Education Option to include more options than PE 105; COLS- Art –MFA- Delete the following courses - 548, 647, 701, 734, 741, 745, 747, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 767, 771, 775, 791, 793, 795, 796, 799; COEHS- Proposed Certificate Program- Literacy Coaching; LLCE- Approve new Public Safety Administration emphasis in the Leadership and Organizational Studies Major.

II. Program Review

1. Physics & Astronomy
2. Report of the Program Review Committee
3. Deans Summary & Recommendation

MOTION: Move to approve APC-Program Review for Physics & Astronomy by Roth/Cowling. Passed.

FS 1314-17 The Faculty Senate approved the following APC program Review for: Physics & Astronomy.

V. Discussion Items

- A. Distinguished Teaching Award – President Neal asked some questions on behalf of the Distinguished Teaching Award Committee in search recommendations for possible change in criteria and requirements for eligibility.
- B. SOS - President Neal asked senators if they had heard whether the SOS distribution went well. It was confirmed that, with the exception of a few minor issues, it was received well.

VI. Items from Members –

- A. A welcome back was given to Senator Loewenstein after his semester abroad.

VII. Information Item –

- A. University Studies Course - WAGS 226

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Kay Neal,
President

April Dutschek,
Recorder