

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
February 15, 2011

Present: Brown, Bryan, Chappy, Dishaw, Garrison, Jones, Kaltcheva, Kercher, Kostman, Lattery, Loewenstein, Maguire, Meyerson, Mrotek, Pontynen, Redington, Robson, Roth, Saginak, Simmons, Wacholtz, Westphal

Excused: Bahcall, Neal

Absent: Beyer

Administrative Representative: Lane Earns

Academic Staff Representative: Jean Inda

Oshkosh Student Association Representative: Colin Anderle

Guests: Liz Whalley, Jean Erdman, Ava McCall, John Lemberger, Susan Cramer

Minutes in Brief:

At the February 15, 2011 of the Faculty Senate, the senate approved the revised minimum GPA for Secondary Education Science and Math Majors and Minors. The senate adopted the Faculty Advocacy Committee's Statement regarding Governor Walker's Budget Repair Bill. Jean Inda reported on SAS, Colin Anderle reported on OSA and President Robson gave reports on the most recent Provost Staff and Faculty Representative's meetings. Academic Advising Director Liz Whalley gave presentations on the 2010 Early Alert Final Report and the Academic Standing data. Action on the creation of a Faculty Ombudsperson was rescheduled for the next senate meeting. Senators discussed the University's enrollment trends and undergraduate grades.

President Robson called to order at 3:13 p.m. Without objection, the agenda order was slightly rearranged.

I. State of the University

A. Reports

1. SAS (Inda) – Discussion items at their last meeting included: Budget, State of the State, unit clarification, and workloads for Instructional Academic Staff. Representative Inda brought a few questions to the faculty senate related to the ombudsperson and academic staff being supported.
2. OSA – (Anderle) – OSA is looking at revising their constitution to help with student representation needs.
3. Provost Staff – (Robson) – 1) Grad council is approving changes to handbook, which will be coming to the Senate for approval, 2) General Education Reform meeting seemed to go well, 3) Whether or not to have D2L pop-ups for first time users to help them navigate and use D2L more effectively was discussed, 4) A task force is being put together to work on an Instructor's manual for D2L, 5) The offer is pending for the AVC for Inclusive excellence.
4. Faculty Reps (Robson) – 1) An update on union activity across the system was given, 2) transfer policies from technical colleges were discussed, including changing the 30 credit rule. Feedback from across the state is being considered and discussed, including how to bridge transitioning from a technical college to a four-year university. 3). Campus updates included – General education and accreditation, 4) System is lobbying for Voter ID bill to include UW IDs as a legitimate form of ID. Several of the members of the BOR opposed the voter ID bill in any form.
5. President Robson reported that the request for data on the use of cost recovery funds has been made. Hopefully, we will have it for the next meeting. Also, the problems concerning the timely return of SoS was due to some last minute personnel issues that slowed their processing.

B. Academic Advising Update – Liz Whalley

- 1) Early Alert Program - Fall of 2010 was the first campus wide early alert full implementation. A fall 2010 early alert final report was distributed. Course, Instructor, and student Information data was included. One suggestion was to have faculty tell students at the beginning of the semester that these alerts are going to be coming. There are still some issues with the Early Alert program, but it is showing promise. Some courses, though, may not be well suited for this program.
- 2) Data on Academic Standing for Fall 2009 & Fall 2010 was distributed.

II. Minutes of February 1, 2011

MOTION: Moved approval by Kostman/Jones. One abstention, Approved.

III. Old Business

Program Action Routing Sheets (Form C)

1. COEHS: Secondary Education Science and Math Majors & Minors – Revise Minimum GPA's to student teach and graduate.

MOTION: Motion was removed from the table and subsequently the revised curriculum changes in COEHS – Secondary Education Science and Math Major & Minors to revise minimum GPAs to student teach and graduate was approved.

FS1011-21 The Faculty Senate approved the curriculum changes in COEHS – Secondary Education Science and Math Major & Minors to revise minimum GPA's to student teach and graduate

IV. New Business

A. Budget Resolution

The senate discussed a statement written by the Faculty Advocacy Committee regarding opposition to Governor Walker's Budget Repair Bill. A few minor changes were made.

MOTION: Moved approval of the position of the Budget Resolution as amended by Kercher/Garrison. 20 yes, 2 no. Motion Approved.

FS1011-22 The Faculty Senate approved the Budget Resolution as amended.

B. Ombudsperson – held over

V. Discussion Items - None

VI. Committee Reports - None

VII. Items from Members – None

- A. State Representative Gordon Hintz's Town Hall meeting tonight at Reeve Union.

VIII. Information Items –

- A. Enrollment Trends – data was distributed to review.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Jim Simmons
President Elect

April Dutschek
Recorder