

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
March 4, 2014

Present: Alexandrov, Basler, Bentivenga, Beyer, Chappy, Hoglund, Kostman, Kyburg, Loewenstein, McCann, Neal, Petronicolos, Price, Robson, Saginak, Siemers, Simmons, Sipes, Stojilovic

Absent: Bryan, Liske,

Excused: Chybowsky, Cowling, Garrison, Roth

Administrative Representative: Provost Earns

Academic Staff Representative: Mike Watkins

Oshkosh Student Association Representative: Graham Sparks

Guests: Lori Carrell, Mike Watson, Marv Noltze, Laura Knappen

Minutes in Brief:

At the March 4, 2014 meeting of the Faculty Senate, Graham Sparks reported on the activities of OSA, Mike Watkins reported on the last SAS meeting, and President Neal reported on the recent meetings of U-Plan and the Provost's Administrative Staff. University Studies Director Lori Carrell gave a lengthy update on the progress and initial successes of the USP Program. The senate appointed Suzanne Marnocha, Larry Carlin, Jim Feldman, Jennifer Mihalick, and Mary Hoefflerle to the Search and Screen Committee for the Director of the University Studies Program and Chris Rose, Tracy Slagter, Bob Wise, Brent MacWilliams, and Nadia Louar to the Search and Screen Committee for the AVC of Academic Affairs. The senate approved the English Department Bylaws and five APC Program Action curricular items. President Neal gave an update and lead a discussion over process for choosing twenty-two faculty nominees for the Chancellor Search and Screen Committee.

President Neal called the meeting to order at 3:11 p.m., followed by a welcome to Senator Kyburg, who is a semester fill for Senator Eichler-Levine, and a welcome to our new OSA representative Graham Sparks as well.

I. State of the University -

A. Reports

1. OSA (Sparks) – OSA is hopeful for a good turnout at upcoming elections. Their budget verification mechanism is the works, and current resolutions that are coming up at OSA were shared as well. A printing limits committee meeting is working with Academic Computing in an attempt to find a common ground. The Rec Plex Bubble addition has been passed. OSA is hoping to be part of upcoming parking situation on campus and its progression. The Student Leadership and the Involvement Center was approved to be renovated.
2. SAS (Watkins) – An announcement at SAS was given noting that an academic staff member was not renewed, proving that the 4% cut doesn't affect just allocations, but also staffing. A budget presentation was shared, a report from the OSA liaison, and the selection of academic staff process for those to serve on the Chancellor's search was determined.
3. PAS (Neal) – The previous two meetings included these items: (1) the 4% cut for budget and how to deal with it; (2) NSSE research survey will be coming out this spring, and a good participation rate is very useful for assessment; (3) The status of the New Engineering Program is that the most recent meeting with HLC was positive, and the next step is approval at a meeting held the end of March; (4) USP

assessment is happening this spring; (5) An open records request has come through from State Representative Robin Vos looking at teaching loads from every institution for a period of 3 years; (6) The elimination of the collaborative Masters of Social Work with UW Green Bay went through the Board of Regents without any problems.

4. U-Plan (Neal) – Topics of discussion at U-Plat included: (1) Approval of the dissolution of collaborative Social Work MA program; (2) Budget forum; & (3) the 4% cut. President Neal also noted to senators that Faculty Senate Primary Elections are March 12 & 13, and Final Elections will be April 9 & 10.

B. USP Update – Lori Carrell

Lori noted that it has now been almost two years since the Faculty Senate voted to approve the then upcoming University Studies Plan (General Education). Then a launch semester video was shared demonstrating the success of the program, as well as a distribution of handouts including: USP courses approved to date, draft version of a peer mentor contract, and a list of the teaching community involved. Lori congratulated everyone involved in this success and talked about all the (ongoing) subcommittees. Some data was then shared by Mike Watson & Marv Noltze covering the GPA's, Course drops, DFW rates, etc, and all this data was positive indicating improvement at the institution.

II. Minutes of February 4, 2014

MOTION: Moved approval of the February 4, 2014 minutes as amended by McCann/Lowenstein 1 abstention. Passed.

III. Old Business – None

IV. New Business

A. COC –

1. Search & Screen for Director of University Studies Program - Suzanne Marnocha-CON, Larry Carlin-Philosophy, Jim Feldman-Environmental Studies, Jennifer Mihalick-Chemistry, Mary Hoeffler-Art.
2. Search & Screen for the AVC of Faculty & Academic Staff Affairs - Denise Robson-Economics, Joshua Garrison-COEHS, Christopher Rose-Criminal Justice, Tracy Slagter-Political Science, Bob Wise-Biology, Brent MacWilliams-CON, Nadia Louar-Foreign Language & Literature

MOTION: Move to approve the Search & Screen Committee appointments by Bentivenga/Hoglund. Passed.

FS 1314-18 The Faculty Senate approved the following Search & Screen Committee Appointments: Search & Screen for Director of University Studies Program - Suzanne Marnocha-CON, Larry Carlin-Philosophy, Jim Feldman-Environmental Studies, Jennifer Mihalick-Chemistry, Mary Hoeffler-Art, and the Search & Screen for the AVC of Faculty & Academic Staff Affairs - Denise Robson-Economics, Joshua Garrison-COEHS, Christopher Rose-Criminal Justice, Tracy Slagter-Political Science, Bob Wise-Biology, Brent MacWilliams-CON, Nadia Louar-Foreign Language & Literature

B. English Bylaws

MOTION: Move to approve the English Bylaws by Bentivenga/Sipes. Passed.

FS 1314-19 The Faculty Senate approved the English Bylaws.

C. APC items

1. COLS: MS in Mathematics Education- change in admission requirements
2. COLS: Masters of Social Work: Add MPA 744 to list of electives in bulletin
3. COLS: Masters of Social Work: Update bulletin to include complete list of MSW electives
4. COEHS: Approval to plan an EdD Program leading to Superintendent Licensure
5. CON: New Healthcare Informatics Graduate Certificate Program

MOTION: Move to approve APC items by Kostman/Robson. Passed.

FS 1314-20 The Faculty Senate approved the following APC items: COLS- MS in Mathematics Education-Change in admission requirements; COLS-Masters of Social Work – Add MPA 744 to list of electives in bulletin; COLS-Masters of Social Work-Update bulletin to include complete list of MSW electives; COEHS- Approval to plan an EdD Program leading to Superintendent Licensure; CON-New Healthcare Informatics Graduate Certificate Program.

V. Discussion Items

- A. Chancellor Search Update – President Neal covered the process for choosing names of faculty to submit for nominations to serve on the Chancellor’s Search & Screen Committee. System has asked for 22 names of which they will choose 11. President Neal indicated that she has requested nominations from all of the College Deans. She shared the timeline and then asked senators to consider the opportunity and let her know if they were interested.

VI. Items from Members – None

VII. Information Item –

- A. OSA Representative Sparks noted that their Elections are March 18 & 19th.

Meeting adjourned at 4:27pm by Bentivenga/Sipes.

Kay Neal,
President

April Dutschek,
Recorder