

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
March 15, 2011

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

Excused: Bahcall, Garrison, Redington

Absent:

Administrative Representative: Perry Rettig

Academic Staff Representative: Jean Inda

Oshkosh Student Association Representative: Colin Anderle

Guests: Chris Swan, Ken Splittgerber, Richard Montano, Dan Hoyt, Penny Garcia

Minutes in Brief:

At the March 15, 2011 meeting of the Faculty Senate, representatives gave the following reports: SAS (Inda), OSA (Anderle), Provost Staff and Faculty Reps (President Robson). Ken Splittgerber, Chris Swan, & Richard Montano gave a security demonstration on the vulnerability of university computing. The senate approved a COLS Bylaws Amendment, the Economics Department Bylaws and a revised title for an entitlement to plan a new MS degree in Human Services. The senate endorsed three OSA resolutions including opposition to the state Budget Repair bill, opposition to the state Voter ID bill and support for Shared Governance and a unified UW System. The senate endorsed the UW Board of Regents resolution Biennial Budget resolution and commended Chancellor Wells for his stand against separating the Madison campus from the UW System. Senators approved a resolution from the senate's Executive Committee that calls for removing from the state Budget Bill the proposal to separate UW Madison from the UW System. Senator Wacholtz gave an Elections Committee Report. President Robson announced the American Democracy Project's Forum and asked for feedback on the Ombudsperson proposal. Senators discussed budgetary issues and future collective bargaining options.

President Robson called to order at 3:15 p.m.

I. State of the University

A. Reports

1. SAS (Inda) – The Senate of Academic Staff – President Alatorre provided information from the civility conference; upcoming elections were discussed (including reapportionment); Dr. Cotti gave a presentation on Public Authority; and the Senate is working on creating a brochure to distribute to academic staff for a better understanding of what they do.
2. OSA – (Anderle) – OSA is currently holding elections; several resolutions pertaining to several legislative concerns were passed
3. Provost Staff – (Robson) – 1) Graduate council is working on bylaws changes, 2) Budget related items were discussed including the distinction between 2011 – 2013 proposed budget and the budget repair bill, as well as the need to begin focusing on the 2011 – 2013 budget; the Board of Regents are promoting more flexibilities for the UW System and discouraging the Madison split proposed in the 2011 – 2013 budget; and 3) Both first day attendance policies and consistent fees for online courses need to be addressed at a future meeting.
4. Faculty Reps (Robson) – 1) Most of the meeting involved discussions of the budget specifically the Madison split; 2) the biennial budget proposes setting up a committee to study sick leave conversion benefit. The study is to be completed by June 2012.

- B. Security Demonstration – Ken Splittgerber, Richard Montano, and Chris Swan (wireless manager), Threats to internet security on campus were demonstrated by Chris Swan & Richard Montano.

II. Minutes of March 1, 2011

MOTION: Moved approval by Neal/Kostman. Approved.

III. Old Business

- A. COLS Bylaws Amendment — P. Brown addressed the changes that were made and responded to Senators' questions.

MOTION: COLS Bylaws Amendment was brought back onto table. Approved.

FS1011-29 The Faculty Senate approved the COLS Bylaws Amendment.

IV. New Business

- A. Economics Bylaws

MOTION: Moved approval of the Economics Bylaws by Dishaw/Kostman as amended. Approved.

FS1011-30 The Faculty Senate approved the Economics Bylaws.

B. APC

- 1. COEHS Form C requesting an entitlement to plan a new Master's degree known as "MS in Human Services and Nonprofit Leadership," be reactivated with a new name, "MS in Transnational Human Services leadership."

MOTION: Moved approval of the APC Program Action Routing Sheet Form C for COEHS: requesting an entitlement to plan a new Master's degree known as "MS in Human Services and Nonprofit Leadership," be reactivated with a new name, "MS in Transnational Human Services leadership." By Kostman/Saginak. Approved.

FS1011-31 The Faculty Senate approved the COEHS request that the entitlement to plan a new Master's degree known as "MS in Human Services and Nonprofit Leadership," be reactivated with a new name, "MS in Transnational Human Services leadership."

- C. Resolutions – OSA resolutions 19, budget repair bill; 21, voting bill; & 22, proposal to split off Madison

MOTION: Moved to endorse OSA resolutions 19, 21, & 22 by Roth/Meyerson. Approved. (one no vote)

FS1011-32 The Faculty Senate endorsed OSA's Resolutions 19, budget repair bill; 21, voting bill; & 22, proposal to split off Madison.

- D. Board of Regents Biennial Budget Resolution –

MOTION: Moved to endorse the Board of Regents Biennial Budget Resolution by Kercher/Kostman. Approved.

FS1011-33 The Faculty Senate unanimously endorsed the Board of Regents Biennial Budget Resolution.

- E. Chancellor Wells Commendation – The senate commended Chancellor Wells on his strong leadership and tireless work on behalf of UWO during the current budgetary "crisis."

MOTION: Moved to approve the Commendation for Chancellor Wells by Wacholtz/Dishaw. Approved.

FS1011-34 The Faculty Senate unanimously approved the following commendation for Chancellor Wells: The UW Oshkosh Faculty Senate commends Chancellor Wells on his strong leadership and tireless work on behalf of UW Oshkosh during the current budgetary “crisis.” With his clear executive vision and unflagging support of UWO’s faculty and its academic mission, Chancellor Wells has helped strengthen our commitment to UWO even during a period in which higher education in Wisconsin is facing devastating cuts. We are hopeful that the dedication and hard work exhibited by our campus and campus leaders will be recognized during more positive budgetary times.

- F. UWO Faculty Senate Resolution on Removing from Consideration the separation of UW Madison from the UW System in the 2011-2013 Budget Bill.

MOTION: Moved to approve the UWO Faculty Senate Resolution on Removing from consideration the Separation of UW Madison from the UW System in the 2011-2013 Budget Bill as amended Kostman/Jones. Approved.

FS1011-35 The Faculty Senate approved the UWO Faculty Senate Resolution on Removing from consideration the separation of UW Madison from the UW System in the 2011-2013 Budget Bill.

V. Discussion Items –

VI. Committee Reports –

- A. Senator Wacholtz – Elections update - Primary elections are March 16th & 17th, candidates running were listed and he encouraged everyone to vote.

VII. Items from Members –

- A. Senator Meyerson distributed a collective bargaining issue for senate to consider.

VIII. Information Items -

- A. Budget Priorities - Chancellor Wells has asked us to get back to him in response to the 3 solutions he presented to campus on ways to go about the budget and which order we would choose them to be. Senate was asked to get back to President Robson with suggestions.
- B. An American Democracy sponsored panel discussion was being held that night.
- C. Ombudsperson feedback was requested due by spring break.
- D. Workgroup reports are located on the Senate website – any responses and/or feedback would be appreciated by March 27th.

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Jim Simmons
President Elect

April Dutschek
Recorder