

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
April 3, 2012

Present: Bentivenga, Beyer, Brown, Bryan, Chappy, Garrison, Heider, Johnson, Kercher, Lattery, Loewenstein, Meyerson, Mrotek, Neal, Pontynen, Redington, Robson, Roth, Saginak, Siemers, Simmons, Wacholtz, Westphal

Excused: Kaltcheva, Liske

Absent:

Administrative Representative: Provost Earns

Academic Staff Representative: Jean Inda

Oshkosh Student Association Representative: Jonathan Junk

Guests: Asst Vice Chancellor Vande Zande, Dale Feinauer, Karen Gibson, Liz Whalley, Larry Carlin

Minutes in Brief:

At the April 3, 2012 meeting of the faculty senate reports were given by SAS Representative Inda and OSA Representative Junk. President Simmons reported on the PAS. The minutes of March 13th were approved. Senator Wacholtz provided the senate primary election results and reminded us the final election will begin tomorrow. Under New Business the senate's approval of the academic calendars for the next 4 years is pending APC approval. Sarinda Taengnoi was appointed to the Gender Equity Council. HR Director Danielson will give a report to the Senate at their next meeting. He will be able to provide us with some documents at that point. AVC Vande Zande provided the senate with an overview of the changes in the System program review process. There was a lengthy discussion of the Improvement of Instruction committee report. The senate accepted the report and charged the executive committee to bring back actionable recommendations. The Personnel committee's report was also accepted and charged the executive committee with following up on its recommendations. President Simmons pointed out the Institutional Research Data reports under Information Items. The meeting was adjourned.

President Simmons called the meeting to order at 3:14 p.m.

I. State of the University

A. Reports

1. SAS (Inda) – (1) Reports and updates were given including the University Personnel System (UPS) that is to have a draft plan set by 7-1-2013; (2) 20 of 94 invited academic staff from the most recent cohort moved forward with the paperwork for potential salary adjustment; & (3) Lori Carrell gave an update on the University Studies Program (general education) and answered questions from senators.
2. OSA (Junk) – Their last meeting announced that they have elected a new president and vice president. All voting items passed and they are just waiting for their senate to meet and approve necessary paperwork to move forward
3. Provost Staff (Simmons) – (1) The Graduate Dean finalist's were interviewed, (2) Learned that Larry Carlin is the new Director of the Honor's program; (3) They are looking into a possible civic engagement partnership with UW Fox Valley; (4) GOV 3.B.21 was updated; & (5) Institutional Research data can now be found on line, as well as making requests as needed from their office.

II. Minutes of March 13, 2012

MOTION: Moved approval by Wacholtz/Neal. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

III. Old Business

- A. University Studies Proposal Implementation Update – Lori Carrell – pulled till next meeting.
- B. Elections Report – Senator Wacholtz
 1. Primary Election Results:
 - COEHS – Joshua Garrison declared winner
 - CON – Sharon Chappy declared winner
 - COLS – Math/Science – Todd Kostman & Robert Sipes declared winners
 2. Reminder: Final Elections are being held April 4 & 5, 2012 for the remainder of the colleges/divisions.
 3. Call for Nominations for the Faculty Senate President-Elect was made:
 - Senator Mrotek nominated Senator Neal – Accepted.
 - Senator Kercher nominated Senator Garrison – AcceptedPresident-elect nominations will be held at the April 17th meeting.

IV. New Business

- A. Academic Calendars - Pulled until April 17, 2012 meeting.
- B. Committee Appointment - Gender Equity Council - Sarinda Taengnoi

MOTION: Moved to approve by Johnson/Wacholtz. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

FS1112- 31 The Faculty Senate approved the following Committee Appointment of Sarinda Taengnoi to the Gender Equity Council.

V. Discussion Items –

- A. University Personnel Structure (UPS) – HR Director Tim Danielson – Pulled till May 1, 2012 meeting.
- C. UW System Program Approval Process – Asst. Vice Chancellor Vande Zande –

In May 2011, UW system President Kevin Reilly convened the President's Advisory Committee on the Roles of the UW system Administration. The charge to the committee was to define how the UW system Administration might best be reorganized in order to better serve core stake-holders. At the September 8, 2011 Board of Regents meeting, the Regents discussed the Report of the President's Advisory Committee and the President's response to the report. President Reilly recommended that System Administration restructure the process of academic program planning and review. The idea was to have decisions about quality placed in the hands of UW institutions and accrediting organizations. Another goal of the President would be to decrease the length of the process for program approval to enable the UW institutions to be more responsive to the demand for new degrees. This put into place a review of policies of both the Regents and UW System policies-Academic Information Series and the Academic Planning Statements.

Currently approval for a new program takes two years. The initiating campus creates an Entitlement to Plan which is sent through campus governance, sent out to other campuses and approved by the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs. Next, an Authorization to Implement is created at the campus level, sent through campus governance and finalized by a vote of the Board of Regents. The new process will involve a four month timetable on the part of UW System. Campuses will create a Letter of Intent and an

Authorization to Implement. Components of the Authorization document will be modified. The committee will present its final report in May 2012. Our campus will review the changes and then decide what action is needed for our own program approval process. Senators raised concerns about the time campuses have to review the Letter of Intent document. Differences in campus calendars and faculty work cycles are other areas of concern regarding the time line. Asst. Vice Chancellor Vande Zande ended by commenting that she is always open to feedback and to feel free to contact her.

VI. Committee Reports –

- A. Improvement of Instruction Report – Senator Kercher – Guest also from the IIR Committee: Karen Gibson & Larry Carlin –
After much discussion and comments between the senators and committee members related to issues such as: Student Opinion Survey methods, great work done on the report, the need for this with the next accreditation, concerns to maintain a more on-campus than on-line overall look, addressing student expectations and necessary work outside of class, and program review content, the senate made the following motion:

MOTION: Move to accept the Improvement of Instruction Report with its recommendations and have the Faculty Senate Executive Committee bring back a list of necessary actions from those recommendations by Pontynen/Loewenstein. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

- B. Personnel Policies Committee Report –Dan Schmidt –
“The committee recommended that the senate adopt an electronic portfolio filing systems for all university faculty awards and personnel appointments. This proposed system would significantly reduce the ‘multiplicity and redundancy of applications and submittals’ for faculty awards and personnel appointments. This system would eliminate the need for individuals to spend time applying for the various awards and may also enhance the motivational impact of receiving an award without anticipation. An established university data base for all faculty awards to gather, store, and eventually retrieve electronic file submissions is recommended.”
Senators shared a few software ideas, that the convenience would be ideal, necessary security, the committee’s ability to review easier, and lack of room to store hard copies.

MOTION: Move to accept the Personnel Policies Report with its recommendations and have the Faculty Senate Executive Committee bring back a list of necessary actions from those recommendations by Pontynen/Loewenstein. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

VII. Items from Members –

VIII. Information Items –

- A. Institutional Research Data Reports – Data can now be found online.

MOTION: Moved to adjourn by Senator Johnson at 4:45 p.m.

Jim Simmons
President

April Dutschek
Recorder