

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
September 18, 2012

Present: Bentivenga, Beyer, Brown, Bryan, Chappy, Cowling, Garrison, Hoglund, Kaltcheva, Kercher, Kostman, Liske, Loewenstein, McCann, Neal, Petronicolous, Redington, Robson, Roth, Saginak, Siemers, Sipes, Westphal

Excused: Cotti, Wacholtz

Absent:

Administrative Representative: Lane Earns

Academic Staff Representative: Vivian Foss

Oshkosh Student Association Representative: not appointed yet

Guests: Dana Merriman, Lori Carrell, Tim Danielson, Liz Whalley

Minutes in Brief:

At the September 18, 2012 meeting of the Faculty Senate SAS Representative Foss reported on their Senate meeting. President Simmons gave reports on the Provost Staff and UPlan meetings and Senator Neal gave one on the System Faculty Representatives meeting. The minutes of May 15, 2012 were approved as amended. Lori Carrell gave a University Studies Program update and Tim Danielson also gave an update on the University Personnel System progress. Dana Merriman gave a presentation on the Tobacco Free Campus Initiative and received approval from senate to move forward with a survey to faculty for input. The Senate approved the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Policy and the following senators filled senate seats on these committees: Loucas Petronicolous – Administrator’s Evaluation Committee, Robert Sipes – Improvement of Instruction Committee, and Denise Robson – APC. Senator McCann discussed our current Admission Policy and concerns with a request for this to be a future agenda item.

President Simmons called the meeting to order at 3:11 p.m.

I. State of the University

A. Reports

1. SAS (Foss) – Meeting consisted of committee Appointments, Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Policy approval and an update from Tim Danielson on the University Personnel System progress.
2. OSA – No report
3. PAS (Simmons) – with a number of meetings since May, President Simmons noted that the highlights included: A newly hired Woman’s Studies Director, a policy for student photo’s usage on campus, Institutional Review Board and who appoints members, Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Policy, Flexible Degree program, and a presentation on the proposed Intranet.
4. U-Plan (Simmons) – Meetings over the summer included Board of Regents updates on budget, new regent from the Appleton area, and labor disputes with Sodexo and their contractor. The Chancellor told UPlan that it was important to note that it would be illegal for the campus community to intervene or get involved with those negotiations.
5. Faculty Reps (Neal) – Meetings items included discussions of no pay plan in budget that they have held off on some items until after elections are finished. The Flexible Degree Program was also discussed and they are looking for a representative on the committee from each campus.

II. Minutes of May 15, 2012

MOTION: Moved approval by McCann/ Robson. Approved unanimously by voice vote as amended.

III. Old Business

A. University Studies Program Update – Lori Carrell

Update – The first batch of Explore and Quest 1 courses have started going through the USPC Committee for review. Lori passed around a copy of the document distributed at opening day with highlights of the plan and timeframe. Student planning sheets for advising are being completely revised. There will be University Studies Program Ambassadors to help with high impact practices. Lori also noted that the USP Committee meets weekly to keep the review of courses moving efficiently with integrity. The upcoming Provost Teaching & Learning Summit was highlighted, as one of the presenters will be discussing support of the development of civic engagement projects for Quest III courses.

B. University Personnel System Update – Tim Danielson did a PowerPoint highlighting all the work and progress that is being made on this project and the draft proposal that they are putting forward for stakeholders decisions. Highlights included an effective date request of July 1, 2013 as well as continued work thereafter, classified staff now being called university staff, exempt classified staff are being transitioned into different roles, compensations changes, and various others.

Background information and other descriptive materials are available for review on the UPS website: <http://web.uwsa.edu/personnelsystems/>

Direction is placed on the “Final USP Proposed Implementation Decision” post at:

<http://web.uwsa.edu/personnelsystems/development-documents/ups-proposed-implementation-decisions/>. Tim noted that the feedback is due by October 19, 2012 and all comments are welcome and considered. The first reading of the final UWP Proposed implementation goes to the Board of Regents on November 8, and will be considered for final approval at their meeting of December 7, 2012. After the Board of Regents approval, the Joint Committee on Employment relations must also review and approve the proposed UPS implementation decisions before they can be implemented across the UW System. This final step before implementation is expected to occur in February 2013. Any questions can be sent directly to Tim.

IV. New Business

A. Tobacco Free Campus Proposal – Dana Merriman

As a member of the Health & Safety Committee, and now the ad hoc committee working this initiative Dana gave the presentation which included a PowerPoint on Tobacco use and various data of other higher education institutions that have gone this route. Dana said that the committee’s next route is to put a survey out to the entire campus asking faculty, staff, and students for their feedback and thoughts on this possibility. They do need each governance body to give approval for them to proceed with the survey.

Senators expressed some concern with other health issues such as obesity, but Dana noted that this is the focus right now since they received a grant to research its’ possibility. President Simmons requested they see the survey ahead of time.

MOTION: Moved to approve that the Health & Safety Sub-Committee be authorized to move forward with a survey of faculty related to tobacco use by Bentivenga/Chappy.

VOTE: – 12 yes, 9 no, 1 abstention. Passed

FS1213- 1 The Faculty Senate approved *the* Health & Safety Sub-Committee be authorized to move forward with a survey of faculty related to tobacco use.

B. Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Policy

MOTION: Moved to approve by Westphal/Roth. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion including the concern of the word immediately, timeline for training, and the language being of an executive order.

FS1213-2 The Faculty Senate approved the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Policy.

C. Senator Committee Appointments – The following senator volunteered for the senate seats of the listed committees:

1. Administrators' Evaluation Committee – Loucas Petronicolous
2. Improvement of Instruction Committee - Robert Sipes
3. Personnel Policies Committee – Lee McCann
4. Academic Policies Committee – Denise Robson

V. Discussion Items –

VI. Committee Reports –

VII. Items from Members –

- A. Senator McCann distributed a copy of the current Admission policy and addressed some concerns. After discussion it was decided it may be best to have an admission representative come to our next meeting to answer questions.

VIII. Information Items –

A. Accountability Report

Senator Chappy noted that on page 25 of the packets (page 10 of the accountability report) that the Doctorate of Nursing (DNP) is not partnered with Eau Claire, that is a misprint.

MOTION: Moved to adjourn by Kercher/Sipes at 4:55 p.m.

Jim Simmons
President

April Dutschek
Recorder