

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
October 16, 2012

Present: Bentivenga, Beyer, Brown, Bryan, Chappy, Cotti, Hoglund, Kaltcheva, Kercher, Liske, Loewenstein, McCann, Neal, Petronicolus, Redington, Robson, Roth, Saginak, Siemers, Sipes, Wacholtz, Westphal

Excused: Cowling

Absent: Garrison, Kostman

Administrative Representative: Lane Earns

Academic Staff Representative: Vivian Foss - absent

Oshkosh Student Association Representative: TBD

Guests: Lori Carrell, Liz Whalley, Charlie Hill

Minutes in Brief:

At the October 16, 2012 meeting of the Faculty Senate, President Simmons presented reports for the PAS and U-Plan meetings. The minutes of the October 2, 2012 meeting were approved as revised. Under Old Business, Senator Lee McCann presented an Ombudsperson Report. Under New Business, the following committee appointments were approved: University Studies Program Committee (Denise Robson), Reeve Advisory Council (Susan Rensing), Compensation Committee (Lee McCann). The request for non-voting representation from the Life Long Learning and Community Engagement program was discussed. Under Discussion Items, the issue of on-line USP courses was presented and discussed at length. Items from the Floor included the question regarding whether the Faculty Senate should be more involved in the future discussions of the IMC proposal regarding control of the content of university web sites.

President Simmons called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

I. State of the University

A. Reports

1. SAS (Foss) – absent
2. OSA – No Representative
3. PAS (Simmons) – Meeting discussion items included promotional materials, some proposed handbook language potential changes, and the Distinguished Teaching Award nomination process.
4. U-Plan (Simmons) – The UW Flexible Degree Model was shared, it's a competency-based, self-paced Flexible Degree Initiative to make baccalaureate degrees more accessible to working adults across Wisconsin. The Intramural Recreational Complex has been approved, enrollments were discussed, and also noted was an upcoming announcement from the Chancellor related to salary equity.

II. Minutes of October 2, 2012

MOTION: Moved approval by Loewenstein/Roth. Approved as amended unanimously by voice vote.

III. Old Business -

A. Ombudsperson Report –

Senator McCann gave his annual report on his role as the Faculty Ombudsperson – Last year he had nine cases, and those cases ranged from tenure and renewal, questions from some administration, to his opinion on how to deal with co-workers. Most meetings the colleagues were quite receptive and appreciative. The annual electronic announcement seems to help as a reminder to those that this position is here to help those who need it, and Senator McCann has been asked to attend some college meetings to make his resources known.

IV. New Business

A. Committee Appointments –

1. University Studies Program Committee – Denise Robson
2. Reeve Advisory Council – Susan Rensing
3. ~~Student Scholarly & Creative Activities Board~~ – Mary Seaman
4. Compensation Committee – Lee McCann

It was noted that number three is not a faculty member, therefore senate will not be voting on that appointment.

MOTION: Move to approve the appointments of 1, 2, & 4 by Wacholtz/ Chappy. Passed.

FS1213-7 The Faculty Senate approve the following appointments: University Studies Program Committee – Denise Robson, Reeve Advisory Council-Susan Rensing, & Compensation Committee-Lee McCann.

B. Life Long Learning & Community Engagement Representation Request -

Discussion included: LLCE is not a recognized governance body, so it doesn't need a representative similar to the senate of academic staff or OSA, the faculty that do teach in the program are able to run for senate seats within their colleges, and the senate at this time will just continue to invite them to the meetings when they have related issues on senate agendas.

V. Discussion Items

A. On-line USP Courses –

Guest Charlie Hill & Senator Brown spoke to questions related to the importance of LLCE courses needing to count for general education to be able to count in the new University Studies Program. It was noted that they currently have courses in the works to be approved by the University Studies Program Committee and that they have been working closely with the USP Committee to ensure they are meeting the necessary requirements. The discussion of online vs. in person teaching came up as well as making sure our university stays up with having those options, as so many students are having the need for on-line these days, and the loss of some enrollments could suffer if we don't continue to grow that way.

VI. Committee Reports – None

VII. Items from Members –

- A. Senator Roth noted that as a member of the University Studies Program Committee they have been very carefully examining courses and they are finding a common omission of peer mentoring or the learning outcomes not specifically listed and those are being sent back to ensure that all requirements are being met.

- B. Senator Loewenstein noted that his department has been having some discussions on about IMC proposal for a more controlled website and the concerns they have with the proposal, and what is truly the role of IMC when it comes to content control.
- C. Senator Neal reminded everyone to continue to check their statements to ensure that their sick leave isn't being taken away, as it is still continuing on some case-by case situations throughout the system.

VIII. Information Items –

- A. USPC – University Studies Program Committee approved courses

MOTION: Moved to adjourn by McCann/Bentivenga at 4:33 p.m.

Jim Simmons
President

April Dutscheck
Recorder