

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
October 19, 2010

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

Excused: Westphal, Wurzbach

Absent: Bahcall, Lattery

Administrative Representative: Lane Earns

Academic Staff Representative: Jean Inda

Oshkosh Student Association Representative: Devin Hagan

Guests: Meghann Krueger, Beverly Flanigan, Lisa Danielson

Minutes in Brief:

At the October 19, 2010 meeting of the Faculty Senate, Jean Inda reported on SAS, President Robson reported on the U-Plan meeting and Devin Hagen reported on the activities of OSA. Meghann Krueger explained the new 'F' Grade Bolt-On policy that will require faculty to record a rationale for all students receiving a failing grade in their courses for the purpose of university monitoring student federal financial aid. The senate made the following committee appointments: Pete Brown (CNL Advisory Council), Todd Kostman (COC- Executive Rep), Paul Frederickson (Hearing Committee), Josh Garrison (Search & Screen for Police Chief), and Jacob Iverson, Dan Schmidt and Bill Wresch (Credit for Prior Learning Assessment Committee). Senators discussed the proposed new Assessment Report document and the merits of a proposed new faculty recognition award.

President Robson called to order at 3:13 p.m.

Introduction of our new Assistant Vice Chancellor for Life Long Learning and Community Engagement Karen Heikel was made by President Robson.

I. State of the University

A. Reports

1. SAS (Inda) – SAS meeting included Provost Staff meeting highlights, progress and status of salary equity for academic staff, and updated academic staff committees; their charges, and goals.
2. OSA (Hagan) – Representative Hagan reported that a lot of OSA members have recently resigned and work continues on the list of tasks and goals he highlighted at the last meeting.
3. U-Plan (Robson) – 1) Included an update on the Board of Regents that was held here and was considered a large success; also noted was that a copy of the Chancellor's opening remarks can be found on line; 2) The deadline for name suggestions for the new academic building is November 10th, the suggestions submitted need to have a rationale written with them as well.

II. Minutes of October 5, 2010

MOTION: Moved approval by Wacholtz/Kostman. Approved.

III. Old Business

A. None

IV. New Business

- A. Financial Aid Reporting – Meghann Krueger, Beverly Flanigan, & Lisa Danielson – Explained was the new 'F' Grade Bolt-On policy requiring faculty to provide a rationale when submitting grades for all failing students in their classes. This new system is being used to monitor federal financial aid. This system is built directly in Titan Web to coincide with the same time you are entering grades. Any suggestions are how the process works, or possible changes are welcomed.
- B. Committee Appointments
1. CNL Advisory Council
Pete Brown
 2. COC – (Exec Rep)
Todd Kostman
 3. Hearing Committee
Paul Frederickson
 4. Search & Screen for Chief of Police (switch)
Josh Garrison
 5. Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Academic Planning/Policy Task Force
Jakob Iversen, Dan Schmidt, & Bill Wresch

MOTION: Moved approval of the above committee appointments by Neal/Jones. Approved.

FS1011-08 The Faculty Senate approved the following committee appointments: CNL Advisory Council – Pete Brown; Committee on Committee Faculty Senate Executive member – Todd Kostman; Hearing Committee – Paul Erickson; Search & Screen for Chief of Police – Josh Garrison; Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Academic Planning/Policy Task Force – Jakob Iversen, Dan Schmidt, & Bill Wresch.

V. Discussion Items

- A. Assessment Committee Report – Senator Garrison handed the expectations for the bi-annual assessment report and commented on goals and progress made. A request was made to have the changes indicated differently on the document for the next review, along with the Provost administration reviewing the document.

VI. Committee Reports

VII. Items from Members –

- A. President Robson reminded the senate of the new award that is being considered to honor faculty for appreciation of the little things. Discussion resulted in requesting the Personnel Committee to meet and put it together in draft form.
- B. Senator Neal reminded the committee that there are still two vacancies on New Era. New Era is a group of faculty from across the SE WI area that meet from Universities, Technical Colleges, and area schools that get together once a month on Friday afternoons to discuss current concerns and issues.
- C. Senator Dishaw noted that the Bylaws committee would like to have a reminder sent out to departments indicating their need for approval and cooperation in the process of updating their bylaws. It was also noted that the Faculty Senate Bylaws are also up for approval and to be reviewed soon.
- D. Senator Kercher made a request to have the minutes note discussion items as a way to follow up on topics and issues that come before the senate.

The meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Jim Simmons
President Elect

April Dutschek
Recorder