

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
November 1, 2011

Present: Bentivenga, Beyer, Brown, Bryan, Chappy, Cowling, Garrison, Heider, Johnson, Kaltcheva, Kercher, Lattery, Liske, Loewenstein, Mrotek, Neal, Petronicolos, Redington, Robson, Siemers, Simmons, Wacholtz, Westphal

Excused: Bahcall, Saginak

Absent:

Administrative Representative: None

Academic Staff Representative: Jean Inda

Oshkosh Student Association Representative: Christopher Swartout

Guests: Lori Carrell, Todd Kostman, Laura Knaapen

Minutes in Brief:

At the November 1, 2011 Faculty Senate meeting reports were given by SAS representative Inda and Student representative Swartout. President Simmons reported on both the Oct. 18th PAS meeting and the October 12th U-Plan meeting. Laura Knaapen updated the Senate on the activities of the Academic Computer User's Group Committee and answered questions posed by various Senators. The minutes of the October 4th meeting were approved. Lori Carrell and Todd Kostman reported on the proposed changes in General Education requirements presented at the Provost's Teaching and Learning Summit. They also fielded numerous questions from the Senate. The Senate approved several committee appointments recommended by the Committee on Committees. It was decided that another benefit payment resolution was unnecessary. The meeting concluded with President Simmons soliciting any discussion of UWO's current accountability report.

President Simmons called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m.

I. State of the University

A. Reports

1. SAS (Inda) – (1) Lori Carrell and other working with her attended their last meeting and gave a General Education Reform Update, (2) Tim Danielson gave some clarification on various Academic Staff rules and (3) A survey was sent out requesting input to assess our current HR System and a their was a wonderful response, (4) An email was sent out with current committees vacancies for interest, and (5) The senate was asked by the Chancellor to attend the summit last week instead of having a senate meeting, and the Chancellor will be coming to their next meeting.
2. OSA – (Swartout) – The senate only had two major items, the General Education Reform, and their resolution in support of faculty senate's last benefit payment resolution.
3. U-Plan – (Simmons) – (1) There is a special U-Plan meeting schedule for November 2nd, to go over the budget laps, (2) Topics from the last U-Plan meeting include: Gun policy and the signs that are now up to prohibit them into buildings; student voter ID will not be using a sticker, but rather a new ID Card if needed; the Wisdom Transfer system; Madison separation and the relationship between Madison and Milwaukee and

other universities; Some positive news included Clow, Nursing Ed, & Lincoln School's renovations have had their start day moved up with a completion date of Fall 2014; Funding priorities; Tuition Increase possibilities; Student compact and compensation's affect from new budget lapse; and finally there will no longer be a hard copy of the phone book printed for everyone. It will be updated monthly online, and a printed copy can be requested via document services for a small fee.

4. Provost Staff – (Simmons) – Updates included: Partnership reports; Assessment plans for departments with some new expectation; changes in the university accountability report (noted the new one will be also sent to the Governor and Legislature with more information needed); The Provost encouraged everyone to attend the Provost Teaching and Learning Summit; Overhaul of accountability measures was announced which will be used to measure more numerical measures of our efforts; There are 3 current open records requests; Recent political activates from staff have caused concern which will now lead possibly updated the rules and guidelines; The 72 credit proposal will be coming up soon, it was forwarded to APC for their review first.

B. Laura Knaapen – Academic Computer User's Group Update –

Laura was kind enough to give an update on some current topics that ACUG is looking into which include: better communication, exploring more technologies such eportfolio's, the use of student technology fees, hardware and software standards, and security. She then went on to answer various questions from senators related to the following: installations done in house, licensing, copyrights, upgrade of Help Desk, and Novell. She commented that ACUG meets everyone other Thursday and visitors are welcome.

II. Minutes of October 4, 2011

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

III. Old Business

A. General Education Reform Update – Lori Carrell & Todd Kostman

The Provost Teaching & Learning Summit highlights included: the input gathered in writing was detailed and very helpful, it's now being gathered and processed; at least 270 were registered for the summit; participation of the state and them offering to keep helping; conversations with two year schools; the transfer student issue being a huge part of who they are and how they operate, so that continues to help build some trust; and finally the student input gathered was also great, with over 120 students providing feedback Final - student input – 124 students gave input and that was great feedback on their gen ed courses. Some of the primary comments were about civic engagement, what will it look like, what order, what process for adoption, and perimeters for implementation. Comments also noted included degree requirement versus general education requirements. Lori commented that she is pleased the continued progress of the reform and appreciates the feedback she keeps getting. The timeframe of an effective date for implementation was noted as fall 2013. Lori addressed various concerns and questions from senators.

IV. New Business

A. Committee Appointments –

1. COC – Jonathan Cross
2. Honorary University Committee – Michael Fonkem
3. LBGTQ – Shelly Michalski
4. Improvement of Instruction – Karen Gibson

Additional Names since Agenda printed:

5. Assessment – Edwin Jager
6. Advisory Council for Academic Advising – Jane Purse-Wiedenhoeft
7. Segregated Fees – Michael Baltutis

Moved to approve by Neal/Westphal. *Approved as revised. by voice.*

FS1112-7 The Faculty Senate approved the following committee appointments: COC –Jonathan, Cross, Honorary University Committee – Michael Fonkem, LBGTQ – Shelly Michalski, Improvement of Instruction – Karen Gibson;, Assessment – Edwin Jager, Advisory Council for Academic Advising – Jane Purse-Wiedenhoeft, and Segregated Fees – Michael Baltutis.

- B. Benefit Payment Resolution – (Robson) – Other universities have done what we passed, and with the intent stated in the original resolution, no further action was seen needed. Senate agreed.

V. Discussion Items –

- A. Accountability Report– President Simmons asked for any input or changes.

VI. Committee Reports -

None

VII. Items from Members –

None

VIII. Information Items –

None

Motion to adjourn given by Kercher/Cowling at 4:35 p.m.

Jim Simmons
President

April Dutscheck
Recorder