

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
November 27, 2012

Present: Bentivenga, Brown, Cotti, Garrison, Hoglund, Kaltcheva, Kercher, Liske, Loewenstein, McCann, Neal, Redington, Robson, Saginak, Siemers, Wacholtz, Westphal

Excused: Bryan, Chappy, Cowling, Sipes,

Absent: Beyer, Kostman, Petronicolus, Roth

Administrative Representative: Lane Earns

Academic Staff Representative: Vivian Foss

Oshkosh Student Association Representative: Scott McCullough

Guests: Chancellor Wells, Lori Carrell, Bob Wise

Minutes in Brief:

At the November 27, 2012 meeting of the Faculty Senate, Chancellor Wells presented an update regarding faculty compensation through the equity process and the status of the state budget. President Simmons presented the report for the Provost Administrative Staff meeting along with the U-Plan report. OSA Representative Scott McCullough and Senate of Academic Staff Representative Vivian Foss gave their reports. The minutes of November 13, 2012 were approved. Changes in the wording of the Distinguished Teaching Award (FAC 7.C) were approved. The committee appointment of Benjamin Artz (COB) to the Student Scholarly & Creative Activities Board was approved. Assistant Vice Chancellor Vande Zande and Michael Beeth presented information on the essentials of Alternative/Online /Flexible Degree programs. Robert Wise presented a brief summary of the Faculty Development Board External Review Final Report and answered questions from members.

President Simmons called the meeting to order at 3:13 p.m.

I. State of the University

- A. Chancellor Wells – The UW System budget that was recently submitted for 2013-15 did not include any unavoidable cuts, which is good news. The upcoming pay plan may even include a small merit increase. System recently announced a 21 million dollars allotment for Workforce and Economic Development funding of which we have just submitted four requests to. Chancellor reported that administration continues to work on the salary equity for faculty and staff. Also noted was the continued commitment to making the University Studies Program work and continue to move forward. There was a lot of discussion on the skills gap and how UWO is addressing comments and challenges as we continue to work together at filling them.
- B. Reports
 - 1. OSA – (McCullough) – Their last meeting was short and consisted of mostly discussion items.
 - 2. SAS (Foss) – The SAS meetings have also been short and related to items such as funding for presenters at conferences, salary equity process, and handbook approvals.
 - 3. PAS (Simmons) – The first of two meetings included handbook language proposal for the Core of Academe to better define advising as teaching. This item was tabled and has been sent to a subcommittee for further review. The second meeting had additional handbook language proposal for Academic Advisement of Students and

the Policies and Procedures for Publicly Accessible Web Presence. The Web Presence proposal was tabled for further revisions.

4. U-Plan (Simmons) –

Chancellor Wells had just provided the senate with an update, so the only point of interest that was shared was the great work the Chancellor has been doing with the work force development funding with the initiatives requests, which were for the Business Success Center, Engineering Technology Fees, Business Accelerator, and Intern2Work.

II. Minutes of November 13, 2012

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

III. Old Business

A. Distinguished Teaching Award –

MOTION: Move to approve the updated FAC 7.C.1 as proposed by Wacholtz/Loewenstein. Passed.

FS1213-11 The Faculty Senate approved the amended FAC 7.C.1.

IV. New Business

A. Committee Appointment–

1. Student Scholarly & Creative Activities Board – Benjamin Artz (COB)

MOTION: Move to approve the appointment of Benjamin Artz to the Student Scholarly & Creative Activities Board Committee by Kercher/Cotti. Passed.

FS1213-12 The Faculty Senate approved the appointment of Benjamin Artz to the Student Scholarly & Creative Activities Board Committee

V. Discussion Items –

A. Essentials of Alternate/Online/Flexible Degree Programs – Assistant Vice Chancellor Vande Zande & Michael Beeth -

AVC Vande Zande noted that this program is to be rolled out next fall, and each campus has the ability to be involved or not, but our administration feels it would be better to get on board with it, to assure we stay connected to student needs and necessary changes coming up. Assessment is going to be an important part of this and being able to assess all competencies of what they need to know and be able to do when they exit our programs. Dr. Beeth shared that the guidelines that were distributed were compiled by looking at a lot of literature and principles to guide development and implementation of what is now called “UW Flex Option.” The idea that students could be ‘swirling’ from institution to institution has been one of the harder ideas to assess and determine. Credit for prior learning, on-line courses, and face-to-face learning all have such different aspects that this was one of the biggest challenges when it came to determining how they could be similarly assessed. Once the explanation of the new program was shared, the discussion included; funding, impact on current programs, degrees possibility offered where there are currently just certificates, ethics, quality, and accrediting agencies needs to also keep up with upcoming changes to higher education.

- B. Faculty Development Board External Review Final Report – Robert Wise
The Faculty Development Board started in 1975 and has only had its third external review since it began. The last review focused on six major points, with a large focus on the research aspect. The board will be spending the next 6 months going over the main points, one per month. Then they will write a response to those findings and then gather input from across campus and compile all it's finding to be shared with everyone. Bob then took questions from senators on issues such as funding options and potential referendums.

VI. Committee Reports – None

VII. Items from Members – None

VIII. Information Items –

- A. Graduate Dual Level Course Data Analysis

- B. Economic Prosperity and Higher Education

- C. USPC – University Studies Program Committee courses approved

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MOTION: Moved to adjourn by Garrison/McCann at 5:06 p.m.

Jim Simmons
President

April Dutschek
Recorder