

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
October 20, 2020

Present: Chrobak, Cortes, Cotti, Dilkes, Fuller, Heath, Herzberg, Jurmu, Kim, Krueger, Lancaster, Loewenstein, Manning, Otto, Palmeri, Panske, Scribner, Short-Meyerson, Stojilovic, Stuart, Szydlak, Tirel, Wagoner, Weglarz

Excused: Fonkem, Matson, Wren

Absent:

Administration Representative:	John Koker
Senate of Academic Staff Representative:	Laura Smolinski
University Staff Senate Representative:	Lisa Goetsch - excused
Oshkosh Student Association Representative:	Austin Hammond - absent
Guests:	James Fletcher, Daphne Lewis, Nicholas Ambrose

Minutes in Brief

At the October 20, 2020 meeting of the Faculty Senate, the report of the Senate of Academic Staff, OSA, and Access Campus was given, and the minutes of the October 6, 2020 meeting were approved. Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, James Fletcher, provided a Financial Update. Discussion items included handbook revisions related to SOS. Action items included: Handbook changes related to the Student Scholarly & Creative Activities Board; committee appointments; and a handbook change form. These items were approved. President Scribner provided an update from the Board of Regents and Chancellor's Administrative Staff meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

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

- I. Guest VC for Finance and Administration – Financial Update
VC Fletcher provided an update that covered: Current data; cash flow model assumptions; recovery plan budget; one-time costs to be covered; funding sources; forecast; enrollment trends, summary chart of financial projection results; financial performance changes due to forecast and costs delays; and recommendations.
Provost Koker took a chance to express gratitude for all the work from their division, and VC Fletcher answered questions from Senators.

- II. State of the University
 - a. Senate of Academic Staff (Smolinski) – At their last meeting they had an enrollment update from AVC for Enrollment Management, Aggie Hanini, and a welcome and introduction from AVC for Inclusive Excellence and Chief Diversity Officer, Damira Grady.
 - b. University Staff Senate (Goetsch) – Representative Goetsch was unable to attend, but a written report submitted prior to the meeting was read which noted that their Senate has begun discussions on the university staff development and appreciation day.
 - c. OSA (Hammond) – No report
 - d. Access Campus: FDL – (Jurmu and Tirel) The Fond du Lac campus is working on filling a tenure-track position and they are working with the College Dean and VC for Access Campuses Martin Rudd to be sure all necessary steps are taken. At the most recent Fox campus collegium meeting, an enrollment management update was given by AVC Hanni. The Fox campus is also working on filling a tenure-track position in Biology.
 - e. Provost Koker – Academic Plan Update. Provost thanked the 42 colleagues that participated for two full days in the workshop. The final report from Gray

Associates should be submitted soon so the initial follow-up steps can be determined.

- III. Minutes of October 6, 2020
The October 6, 2020 minutes stand approved as distributed.
- IV. Unfinished Business – None
- V. New Business/Action Items
 - A. Handbook Change Request – Student Scholarly & Creative Activities Board (SSCAB).

MOTION: Loewenstein/Stuart moved to table item A. 8 Yes, 14 No. Failed to Table.

MOTION: Scribner/Szydlik moved to cleave off the changes to the Committee chair and consider the rest of the request. 22 Yes, Passed Unanimously.

MOTION: Scribner/Szydlik moved to approve the amended change request (to approve the charge and composition updates, but not the changes to the committee chair language). 20 Yes, 2 No, 1 Abstention. Amended Request Passed

Discussion ensued related to the access campuses colleagues having specified seats on committees versus being considered part of their academic departments. It was determined to continue to this discussion at a later date.

FS 2021-08 The Faculty Senate approved the amended Handbook change request for the Student Scholarly & Creative Activities Board.

- B. Committee Appointments:
 - 1. Julia Chybowski – Reappointment – SSCAB (FAPA Seat)
 - 2. Quin Chrobak – Reappointment – SSCAB (S/S Seat)
 - 3. David Demezas – SSCAB (Access Campus seat)

MOTION: Jurmu/Szydlik moved to approve the committee appointments. 21 Yes. Passed

FS 2021-09 The Faculty Senate approved the following committee appointments: Student Scholarly & Creative Activities Board: Julia Chybowski, Quin Chrobak, & David Demezas.

- C. Handbook Change Form

MOTION: Szydlik/Lancaster moved to approve the Handbook Change Form. 23 Yes. Passed

FS 2021-10 The Faculty Senate approved the Handbook Change Form.

- VI. Discussion Items
 - A. SOS Items – President Scribner explained the three items related to SOS, reminding Senators that these will be up for approval at the next Senate meeting.
 - 1. Improvement of Instruction policy
 - 2. Evaluation of Instruction policy
 - 3. Data collection policy
- VII. Committee Reports – None

VIII. Information Items

1. The USP items listed on the agenda were mistakenly left on from the last meeting, and did not need to be listed again.
2. Reminder: Duo Multifactor Authentication requirement is to be done by November 20th.
3. Senators were reminded to get their Mandatory Training completed.

IX. Items from Members – None

X. President's Report

- A. The decision should be made today on the selection for the new Chancellor at UW Stevens Point.
- B. Chancellors Administrative Staff – Highlights included: Covid updates; budget update; and HR updates. The Pay Plan is set to move forward in January. Related pay plan criteria include a solid performer rating of file, an outside activities report, and completion of mandatory training.
- C. Board of Regents Report – Report from the President's Blog on the Faculty Senate website: The Board of Regents met October 8th. In his opening remarks, UW System President Tommy Thompson reviewed efforts by System institutions to address Covid-19, including testing and tracing efforts. President Thompson outlined a set of broad administrative reforms that will be undertaken at UW System titled the "Administrative Transformation Program (ATP)." The ATP is a multi-year program that will work to address complexity in the current administrative support model, particularly in such areas as purchasing and accounts payable, information technology and information security. As announced previously, UW-Shared Services will launch the Single Payroll project, eliminating monthly payroll and moving all employees to a biweekly payroll system. Regent President Drew Petersen provided updates on the current UW-Stevens Point chancellor search process (and the Board is meeting on Oct. 20th in closed session to consider the appointment of a Chancellor at UWSP). Behavioral health continues to be a System-level priority and the Board of Regents heard several presentations regarding student mental health services and institutional efforts during the time of Covid-19. UW Oshkosh staff and students were among those presenting. The Board of Regents also recognized former UW System President Ray Cross, who officially retired Sept. 30, after more than six years of leading the UW System and 43 years in higher education.

MOTION: Lancaster/Panske moved to adjourn at 4:54 p.m. Passed

April Dutschek,
Recorder