

**NOTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE COMBINED SENATES
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STOUT
OCTOBER 16, 2007
BALLROOM A
2:30 P.M.**

Dennis Shaw, Chair of the Senate of Academic Staff, welcomed everyone at 2:30 p.m.

- I. **Chancellor's Report** – Chancellor Sorensen reported that the Budget was voted down last night, October 15th. Another session was called for this week. The Chancellor discussed the UW-Stout 2007-2008 Budget Reduction Planning handout. The University is trying not to freeze positions by allowing a search for positions, but may not actually hire later on. Enrollment looks good right now. Doug Mell said that there is an Anti-tax increase rally tomorrow, October 17th. There will then be a push to balance the budget. He thinks that the budget would be signed the first week in December.
- II. **Provost's Report** – Provost Furst Bowe asked the Deans what courses are needed next semester. The Campus and Community Coalition for Racial and Ethnic Issues Committee is sponsoring an event titled “Diversity at UW-Stout and in the Community: Perceptions vs. Reality.” This panel discussion is to be held tomorrow, October 17th, at 6:00 p.m. in Ballroom B. The Provost also reminded everyone that Advisement Day is next Tuesday, October 23rd.
 - A. Engagement Study and Ongoing Programs - Dan Riordan discussed what the Teaching and Learning Center can do and the engagement of learning. Contact Ann Holt if you are interested in being a mentor.
- III. **Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs' Report**
 - A. Early Alert - Joan Thomas said that the Early Alert program provides early feed-back on any academic issues to students and their advisors. There was a 21% response rate from faculty teaching first-year students. Statistics shows that the earlier the issue (low grade, attendance, etc.) gets resolved, the greater the chance the student will be successful completion of the class. Faculty who teach first-year students are strongly encouraged participate. Kim Nimsgern presented a power point presentation to further explain the Early Alert program.
- IV. **Vice Chancellor for Administrative and Student Life Services' Report**
 - A. UW-Stout Campus Master Plan - Mike McMahon, from Miller Wagner Coenen McMahon, said the plan is in the early stages. There will be twenty years of documentation with six-year windows (phases). Gathering information and addressing issues; such as, campus flow, parking, sustainability, will take about a year to complete. There will be many venues to provide information, including the community input. Global issues will be addressed.
- V. **Information and Announcements**

It was mentioned that not enough information/details were given when considering the models. Who are the architects of each of the models, and what was the criteria for the change? There is no explanation as to why this change is necessary; only that there will be a change. Knowledge of the purpose/reason of the change is necessary. It is difficult to evaluate a structure not knowing how it will pan out. There is a sense that administration is going to do what they want to do, regardless of what the faculty feels. Lack of information/pressure of time restraints.

Motion: Nold/Barfoot to not to fill out the matrix until the Provost comes to give more information about the models and explain why there needs a change.

Vote: (By show of hands), 10 yeas, 11 neahs, motion defeated. 2 Abstention

Weckmueller voted against the motion and suggested not completing the matrix other than filling in 1's in the fifth column. It was iterated that senators are here to represent their department. A point was made that the Chancellor said that there will be a change. Chair Kapus suggested having the Chancellor, Provost and Deans come to the next meeting to discuss the two recommended models, although most people don't feel comfortable speaking freely. If the matrixes are completed, the Chancellor will then use the results as the basis for the change "this is the decision by the faculty". It is felt that Model 4 is the only model really changing the structure and assists cross-disciplinary/ collaboration; the other ones are basically name changes. If the matrixes are not completed, maybe Chair Kapus shouldn't be on the committee. Chair Kapus personally feels this is for marketing purposes. If the faculty is divided enough, the Chancellor may have to reconsider.

B. Other

V. New Business

A. The 2008-2009 Promotion Timetable has been developed.

VI. Adjournment – 4:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ned Weckmueller, Secretary

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