

**NOTES FROM MEETING OF THE COMBINED SENATES
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STOUT
NOVEMBER 6, 2007
BALLROOM A
2:30 P.M.**

Jerry Kapus, Chair of the Faculty Senate, welcomed everyone at 2:32 p.m.

- I. **Chancellor's Report** – Chancellor Sorensen is still trying to figure the budget. More news as it becomes available. Hopefully the reserves will not be used.
- II. **Provost's Report** – Provost Julie Furst-Bowe and a large group from UW-Stout will attend a Senate Leadership Conference in Madison. This group will be the core in engaging retention on campus.
- III. **Realignment Question and Answer Session** - Chancellor Sorensen and Provost Furst-Bowe were asked why realignment is being done. Chancellor Sorensen stated that there are several reasons. One of the reasons is that disciplines are changing with a new approach of having education and science and technologies coming together, forming natural alliances of programs. A STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) college is needed in order to be recognized. Provost Furst-Bowe mentioned that this is an opportunity to put programs together and strengthen the polytechnic presentation. Feedback has been listened to and reviewed. Unfortunately, there wasn't a consensus. There is a concern where specific programs will be housed and if students will be able to find the programs. If these programs aren't noticeable, how will they fair. This is an opportunity to reinvent and organize ourselves. The difference between schools and departments in the hierarchy, a School has a singular focus for visibility level (marketing). The Chancellor said that the dietetics, food systems and technology, and vocational rehabilitation programs are considered health science programs. Chancellor Sorensen stated that the health sciences must be identified somewhere in order to keep competitive. There is definitely an option for growth.

The question of schools vis-à-vis colleges and departments came up. The profile of Schools could be more profitability. Schools need to have criteria to deserve the name. What delineates between schools and departments? Schools have a long-term plan. Departments could possibly apply to be schools. Specific criteria are needed to change the title. Boundaries should be minimal to allow interdisciplinary courses. There is a concern in the SOE as to which would be have a higher status. The Chancellor and Provost are going to meet with Kevin Reilly on Thursday, November 8th. He may have other ideas. After the realignment, all departments, schools, colleges will need to submit a plan. There is a concern that the International and Stout Solutions offices do not seem to appear on the models. Globalizing our campus needs to be addressed. From the Faculty Senate matrixes, responses showed that there were no more than four in favor of any specific model, ten for the current model, and seven didn't make any selection. This result points out that most people want the campus to stay as it is. Since the provost was not willing to accept no change, she and the Chancellor made the final decision. The Provost emphasized that there is no perfect model. The realignment would help with accreditations. Coordinating chairs would be eliminated. Interdisciplinary rules and policies would need to be examined and rewritten. There would be interdisciplinary centers regarding flexibility, workload. Responsibilities of deans in each college have not been determined. Administrators would not be increased. It was noted that most problems will not be solved by structure changes, but would need to be changed through policy changes. The realignment is going to happen and policies will be changed, so it would be most productive to provide positive input.

- IV. **Information and Announcements** - Dennis Shaw said it is important to have the Combined Senate meetings and it is a great benefit to the Senate of Academic Staff. Before there were Combined Senate meetings, the Senate of Academic Staff weren't getting the same information. Other collaborations have also happened as a result of the Combined Senate meetings. If time is the reason behind the change, the meeting could be handled in a different way.

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used. Email Steve Terry any costs that may be overlooked. Galloy made the motion to realign (then the current model is not an option).

Motion: Galloy/Schultz move ahead with the realignment (either Model 3A or 3B).

The Senators' charge is to represent for the faculty. Pamperin voted against the motion and wants to go back and talk with his department. Chair Kapus mentioned that he had some influence in the models and expressed the need for the Faculty Senate's input. By not voting on a model, the Faculty Senate may be kept out of the dialogue. Faculty Senate has had an influence on administration. There will be a change, some Faculty Senate input has been taken into consideration. It was discussed that if Faculty Senate votes, it shows that Faculty Senate is backing the realignment.

Motion: Cole/Terry moved to table the motion to move ahead with the realignment.

Vote: Motion is tabled.

XI. New Business -

A. Tenure Timeline 2008-09 (Dennis Vanden Bloomen; Attachment 4)

Motion: Galloy/ Ghenciu moved to approve the Tenure Timeline

Vote: Passed unanimously.

B. 2009-2010 Academic Calendar (Renee Howarton; Attachment 5)

Motion: Alec/Doll moved to approve the 2009-2010 Academic Calendar

Renee Howarton stated that the committee followed previous scheduling. The Winter term will be shorter; therefore, hours may need to be extended or additional days. Advisement days and the omission of the Fall study day should be looked into. Wayne Argo and Ghenciu will email Renee their specific input.

Amendment: A change to list Sunday, January 17 before Monday, January 18 on the 2009-2010 Academic Calendar.

Motion: Ghenciu/Pamperin moved to table the motion to approve the 2009-2010 Academic Calendar.

Vote: Motion is tabled.

C. Review of Candidate Search Process – SOE Motion (Barb Flom; Attachment 6)

Flom recapped the School of Education failed search. There is a concern in SOE why qualified candidates are not invited to campus. The integrity of the search process on campus is questionable and needs to be reviewed. Faculty Senate is being asked to have someone facilitate an external review of the search process on every level. UW System may need to be contacted. Springer wants the word external be changed to internal. Terry makes a motion to table the motion to see if university-wide searches, or just dean searches, need to be reviewed and if the review should be handled externally or internally.

Motion: Flom/Cole moved to table the Review of Candidate Search Process.

Vote: (by hands) 13 Yea's, 11 nay's. 1 abstention. Motion is tabled.

D. Curriculum and Program Framework (Jerry Kapus; Attachment 7) – Due to time restraints, item is postponed to the next meeting.

E. UWRF Resolution (Jerry Kapus; Attachment 8)

There are no tier 1 providers for the Greater Twin Cities Metropolitan Region. Wayne Argo said that there may be other suggestions. It is very clear that the ETF did not have sympathy for out-of-state employees. The criteria for health plans has not been changed for over twenty years. Weckmueller and Pamperin would like to withdraw their motions. ETF should look at what quality health care is available, especially for Pierce and St. Croix

counties. The qualification for Tier 1 should be revised.

Motion: Flom/Miller-Rodgberg moved to approve the UWRF Resolution.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

- F. Continuation of Chancellor and Provost's Reports to Combined Senates – next meeting (Steve Deckelman; Attachment 9) – Due to time restraints, item is postponed to the next meeting.
 - G. Review of Global Perspective Requirement and Courses, (Jerry Kapus; Attachment 10) - Due to time restraints, item is postponed to the next meeting.
 - H. Budget Implications of Realignment Models (Jerry Kapus, Attachment 11) - Due to time restraints, item is postponed to the next meeting.
 - I. PPC Review and Report of Departmental Definitions of Research (Jerry Kapus; Attachment 12) - Due to time restraints, item is postponed to the next meeting.
- XII. **Adjournment** – 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
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Recorded and prepared by,
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