

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
October 30, 2007
CEDARWOOD ROOM
2:30 – 4:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE:

CHAIR: Jerry Kapus
VICE CHAIR: Steve Deckelman

SECRETARY: Ned Weckmueller
PAST CHAIR: Forrest Schultz

PRESENT: Barb Flom, Jonna Gjevre, Renee Howarton, John Rompala, Gene Ruenger, Scott Springer, Steve Terry, Dennis Vanden Bloomen

EXCUSED: Alan Block

GUESTS: Chancellor Sorensen, Provost Furst-Bowe, Hector Cruz, Howard Lee

- I. Call to Order – 2:33 p.m.
- II. Announcements and Information
- III. Minutes of October 9, 2007 – Not available to approve.
- IV. Chancellor’s Report – Chancellor Sorensen announced that the budget reduction is being-determined, and the campus will be notified when the budget is finalized. Approximately \$1 million dollars will need to be cut. Regarding the SOE dean’s search (Item A below), the Chancellor interviewed all the members to try to figure out what went wrong. Per the Chancellor’s memo dated August 2’ 2007, there were a lot of problems. The Sabbatical Appointment Committee recommended nine applicants for a sabbatical appointment, but two will probably be denied.
- V. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs’ Report – Provost Julie Furst Bowe mentioned that Sue Foxwell will give a report at the next combined Senate Meeting.
- VI. Vice Chancellor for Administrative & Student Life Services – No Report
- VII. Committee Reports -
 - A. Curriculum & Instruction – No Report
 - B. Educational Activities - Laura Schmidt said that a subcommittee is looking into the definition of incompletes and in progress grades. They are also taking a look at other polytechnic colleges.
 - C. Elections - Steve Deckelman reported that the committee sent out the call for nominations form. After the realignment, Chair Kapus would like a review of the bylaws.
 - D. Finance Committee - Steve Terry, Interim Chair, said the committee met on October 25th and reviewed the charges. The first charge is to look at cost implications of the realignment models. The findings will be reported to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.
 - E. Graduate Education – No Report
 - F. General Education – No Report
 - G. Personnel Policies - Dennis Vanden Bloomen reported the approval of Tenure Timeline which will be sent to Faculty Senate. The Sabbatical Timeline is on the November agenda. Reviewed internal process of definition of teaching to bring to the Faculty Senate.
 - H. Planning & Review - Jonna Gjevre invited Ron Verdon to the committee meeting to discuss the Art-B.F.A program. All programs that need to be reviewed this year were scheduled.
 - I. Other
- VIII. Old Business -
 - A. Alignment - Chair Kapus announced that there will be one more Advisory vote. The Chancellor and Provost have agreed to answer questions on alignment. If approved by Dennis Shaw, Senate of Academic Staff chair, the question/answer session would be part of the November 6th Combined Senate meeting. Chair Kapus will compose a tool for the final Faculty Senate vote, probably on December 4th. Chancellor Sorensen added that a budget would be given to the College (Dean). The Dean would then consult faculty and decide what to do with the budget. This would eliminate the need for additional funds. The intent is cost neutral.

B. Other

IX. New Business -

- A. Review of Candidate Search Process – SOE Motion - Barb Flom discussed that the School of Education is questioning the integrity of searches. Why aren't the chairs appointed by the committee? What is the role of the Affirmative Action involved in the search process? Federal guidelines require searches to be done nationally. It was suggested that an attorney from UW System meet with a search committee to come up with competent processes. This would hopefully eliminate some of the failed searches. Schultz moved to have this put on the Faculty Senate agenda. It was discussed if it should be an internal or external review.**
- B. 2009-2010 Academic Calendar - Renee Howarton reported that the calendar met all requirements. Winter term will be shortened; therefore, the hours will need to be expanded per day. Renee will check about a Study Day for the fall evaluation week. The department will give input for the pre- or post-session assignments. This will be an item on the Faculty Senate agenda.**
- C. Review of Global Perspective Requirement and Courses - Chair Kapus talked about the handout.**
- D. Curriculum and Program Framework - Chair Kapus discussed the memo and asked for approval. Some of the courses could be for dual courses to increase global requirements. If there is a change, graduation credits would increase. Chair Kapus would like CIC to look at it. He brought forth a process for the faculty to think about and to give broad ideas to use with discussion with administration. Part of this process should include finding new resources on campus. There is value with having faculty engage in the process of envisioning what a polytechnic college is. Programs should be stimulated, not dictated. This process would produce a report which would be available to provide an idea for administration. Faculty needs to be on top of the curriculum.**
- E. UWRF Resolution - Chair Kapus talked about how UW-River Falls would like UW-Stout to sign on and support them regarding health care. Health options are becoming limited and more costly.**
- F. PPC Review and Report of Departmental Definitions of Research – Chair Kapus stated that almost all the definitions have been submitted. Per the bylaws, Faculty Senate has the right to accept them. Chair Kapus put a charge for PPC to review the definitions.**
- G. Discussion of Restoring Faculty Positions Lost in Budget Cuts – Chair Kapus said that seven faculty positions have been cut due to budget cuts. The FTEs are lost and are controlled by the State. For budgetary purposes, Deans and chairs are making the decision to hire academic staff instead of faculty. Facts and data are needed to make accurate decisions. Some adjunct faculty are also replacing faculty. Chair Kapus will draft a resolution to bring back these faculty positions. The draft will be brought to Faculty Senate.**
- H. Continuation of Chancellor and Provost's Reports to Combined Senates - Steve Deckelman suggested eliminating the combined senate meetings. The members would be more comfortable to bring points to the Faculty Senate and the Chancellor. The Senate of Academic Staff feels a combined senate allows the Chancellor and Provost to contribute to their meetings. The Chancellor said that it wouldn't matter to him. Deckelman will compose a motion to present to this to the Faculty Senate on November 6th.**
- I. Bylaw Revisions - Chair Kapus reminded the members that the Chancellor has said that the realignment is going to happen. Steve Deckelman volunteered to start revising the bylaws. The bylaws for committees will also need to be revised. Department bylaws should probably wait until after the realignment. Ned Weckmueller volunteered to help Steve get started on this.**

J. Other

X. Adjournment – at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ned Weckmueller, Secretary

Recorded and prepared by,
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