

II. Minutes of September 9, 2008

Motion: Holland/Cruz moved to approve the Minutes of September 9, 2008.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

A clarification on Item IV. 8. was that Chair Deckelman emailed Julie Furst-Bowe asking if there still is a need for the Ad Hoc Interdisciplinary Center committee. The Provost said that the committee is still needed to make sure there are no needs being missed.

III. Committee Reports

1. **Curriculum & Instruction** - Steve Cole said that a global perspective recommendation will be submitted soon and that ethnic studies are being worked on by others.
2. **Educational Activities** - Matt Horak said the committee met on September 16. At this meeting he was elected chair; Renee Howarton, vice chair; and Scott Griesbach, secretary. A subcommittee was formed to draft a survey about the length of class periods. A survey for faculty/staff on this change was created. It was suggested to collaborate with other UW campuses to see how this change might impact those.
3. **Elections** - Abel Adekola said that the All University Promotion Committee ballots have been distributed and are due by Tuesday, September 30. Call for nominations for faculty senate, faculty standing committees and university committees are being compiled and will be distributed soon.
4. **Finance Committee** – Hector Cruz said that there are only three members. Tom Ebert is the interim chair. The committee needs the summer report conclusion on summer salaries from the Provosts office. The timeline for the budget is the beginning of October so they need a summer compensation recommendation by then.
5. **Graduate Education Committee** – No Report
6. **General Education** - Alan Block said the committee met on September 12. Meridith Wentz will discuss the GESLAS surveys and Dan Riordan will discuss collaborations with NTLC at the October 10th meeting.
7. **Personnel Policies** - Dennis Vanden Bloomen said the committee met last Friday, September 19. A subcommittee met during the summer to discuss the promotion quotas. Julie Watts' suggestions were considered, and it was decided that the quotas should be eliminated; thus, changing the handbook. A handout of the PPC's recommendation was distributed which showed that the promotion quotas should be eliminated, but keeps the ranking system. There are a lot of strong feelings to keep the quotas, so there was not a unanimous decision by PPC. Financial issues were considered. More focus should be on faculty who deserve to be promoted. It is recommended to put this on the Faculty Senate agenda for further discussion.
8. **Planning & Review** - Loretta Thielman said that the PRC will meet again in early October. The committee will be reviewing eight or nine programs this year. Program directors are being contacted to start the review process. It is rumored that there are quite a few entitlements to plan, as well. It was discussed if the program reviews should be posted on the website. Currently, they are not posted since they may contain criticisms. Convey any thoughts to Chair Deckelman.
9. **Other**

IV. Old Business

1. **GEC Bylaws Revisions** - Alan Block said the committee met and submitted the bylaws with more clarity of the implementation. The College of Management wants one faculty member and one program director as GEC representatives. Every college would need to bring this forward if it is a concern. A comparison of the current version versus the new version may assist in communicating the changes to the faculty senate. No representation has been lost. Emphasis shifted to content areas from colleges. This, along with a comparison table, will be

forwarded to the Faculty Senate.

2. **Classroom Assignments - Steve Deckelman asked for suggestions on how to deal with classroom assignments. The Provost mentioned that with Jeff Kirschling's departure, no one else had knowledge of the scheduling software. With the Deans' Council, this issue was discussed with Larry Graves and Kathy Sveum. Classroom guidelines have been sent to the chairs requesting the needs for next semester. The classroom scheduling is now under better control. There is a disconnect on how course times relate to the actual room scheduling process. Supposedly, specific requests/needs can be met and matched. Instructors need to inform their chairs of their needs, and the chairs will then need to pass this on to Larry Graves or Kathy Sveum. George Acker should be notified of any rooms that are not adequate.**
3. **Other**

V. New Business

1. **CORE – Chair Deckelman requested this as an informational item (handout). Richard Taffalla discussed the background history of the Committee on Research Experiences (CORE). Grassroots faculty runs the committee. Research is defined in the broadest sense of the word and enhances engagement, retention, creativity, etc. This committee is in the process of becoming an official committee on campus. It was discussed if there should be senate representation if this committee becomes official. It was asked if this committee would mesh with the Discovery Center and Nakatani Teaching Learning Centers, and how it differs from the Research Services. CORE might impact curriculum changes which Research Services does not handle. The committee needs to figure out the direction it wants to go to see if it should be a faculty senate committee/subcommittee or university committee.**
2. **Summer Pay Compensation – The summer pay compensation should be looked at by the Finance Committee.**
3. **Discussion Item: UWS Chapter 36 – Chair Deckelman said that everyone should read/review the Chapter 36 attachment to understand rules and policies, especially in the faculty in shared governance. The rights of shared governance are based on law, but there aren't a lot of powers specific to faculty. The document doesn't really describe much about faculty, but, on the third page, in the second column, (4) FACULTY, it describes the basic responsibilities of faculty. Faculty has the right in making the rules. There may be some issues this year where this may be useful. Faculty should challenge and question decisions more when administration goes beyond their boundaries. The executive committee needs to provide protection for non tenured faculty. Tenured faculty needs to be responsible and step up. A discussion pursued regarding Chapter 36.**
4. **Discussion Item: Role of Senior Faculty on the Senate and in Governance - Chair Deckelman discussed the frustration of the vacancies and not having them filled. Untenured faculty is getting together to pressure tenured faculty to become more involved. It is felt that tenured faculty has given up on the Faculty Senate. Faculty personnel matters, if important, need to be accomplished with tenured faculty assistance. Chair Deckelman will bring it forward to the Faculty Senate for discussion.**
5. **Discussion Item: College Level Faculty Governance Structure – Chair Deckelman will discuss at the next Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting.**
6. **New Charge to PPC on Appeals Process for Emeritus Status – Agenda item will be brought again to the next Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting.**
7. **Other**

VI. Adjournment – 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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