

4. **Finance Committee – Hector Cruz said that the FC met last Wednesday and will meet again tomorrow. A summer salary proposal is being compiled and, if completed, a recommendation will be submitted at the next Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting.**
5. **Graduate Education Committee – Gene Ruenger is looking forward to getting new members. Due to the realignment, the membership is low.**
6. **General Education – Alan Block said that the bylaws revision is still up for the next Faculty Senate meeting. College representatives should discuss the revision with their colleges and provide input for the Faculty Senate meeting.**
7. **Personnel Policies – No Report. PPC will be meeting on Friday, October 10.**
8. **Planning & Review – No Report**
9. **Other**

IV. Old Business

1. **Discussion Item: College Level Faculty Governance Structure – Chair Deckelman said that the new colleges are going through, or should be going through, the bylaws process, and he thought this information would be helpful when designing the bylaws. Some bylaws contain wording that defines faculty governance issues like university committee appointments and the Dean nominating members to faculty committees. According to the handbook on college level faculty governance, it is generally regarded as a Dean’s decision. Since the current school and college level governance procedures haven’t been reviewed and revised in twenty years, it was questioned as to whether the procedures need to be revised. A suggestion was made that possibly a committee should be formed to look at the handbook as a whole. It was discussed to revisit the college level governance structure procedures to possibly make changes. The makeup of the committee that represents the college level also needs to be addressed, along with the school level governance. Department Chairs should be advocating the issues of faculty to the Dean of their college. The Chancellor reminded the Faculty Senate Executive Committee that the Faculty Senate is the governance body for faculty. Chair Deckelman stated that since the current governance system comes from policies passed by Faculty Senate twenty years ago, this may be an opportunity to keep the policies the same or change them. It was recommended to form a subcommittee to address these policies. The current practices and how each college is interpreting the policies need to be known. The Faculty Senate needs to use their voice on any issues that concern faculty.**
2. **New Charge to PPC on Appeals Process for Emeritus Status – Chair Deckelman said this issue was brought to his attention when a specific department failed to act, either favorably or not, on an emeritus status. Faculty members are also going to the Chancellor to get emeritus status, but it is the faculty’s department’s decision to make. The Chancellor and the Provost agree that this is a department decision, not theirs. The Chancellor said that the frustration comes when the department doesn’t make a decision. There is a need to develop an appeals process that faculty can consult if the decision is denied or delayed. The department should be involved in the appeals process. Another suggestion was for the PPC to figure out the context of past situations to understand the background or to just address the policy. If you have any concerns, contact your representative on PPC or Joe Holland, the senate representative.**
3. **Summer Pay Compensation – discussed under Committee Reports (Finance)**
4. **Other**

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- 1. New Charge to PPC on Recommendations for Revisions to Positive Action and Termination of Employment Processes – Chair Deckelman said this charge was created after a discussion from the last Faculty Senate meeting. The Chancellor has asked for these recommendations by October 31.**
- 2. Framework for Applied Polytechnic Concepts – Renee Howarton discussed the executive summary about how the polytechnic change is being applied to curriculum and courses. She then highlighted the summary of the survey that was given May, 2008. There was a 30.9% response rate. The committee met last week and believed the charge was completed. However, the committee thought that much more could and should be done and suggested a need for deeper questioning. It is recommended that more polytechnic “communication” must be taken further and gave suggestions on how deficits can be improved. The committee came up with questions to further investigate the issue and will give these questions to Chair Deckelman. It is also important to identify current strengths that demonstrate a polytechnic identity. The Chancellor mentioned a need for a university-wide framework and also at the department level to establish polytechnic issues and ideas. The Chancellor created a steering committee for the Discovery Center development, and perhaps this committee should also address the issues of polytechnic. This could be a Center of Innovation and entrepreneurship. The survey and the committee’s questions give the faculty a chance to make sure that all faculty understand what polytechnic means and how to use and embrace the polytechnic concept to the fullest extent. Resources are needed to develop these ideas; otherwise, it is a waste of time. Students’ perspectives on polytechnic should also be examined. Stout is co-sponsoring the first conference on Polytechnic Summit with other polytechnic universities July 16-17, 2009. The item is being sent to Faculty Senate for their input.**
- 3. Other – The Faculty Retention Funds will be on the next Faculty Senate meeting agenda. At the last Faculty Senate meeting, Ed Nieske spoke on travel reimbursement and agreed that there may be some travel procedures that are too strict. There is a concern that some restrictions are not applied equally at all UW schools. The Provost reminded the committee that individuals should work with Ed’s office for specific accommodations.**

VI. Adjournment – 3:48 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
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