

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
JANUARY 23, 2007
OAKWOOD ROOM
2:30 – 4:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE:

CHAIR: Forrest Schultz
VICE CHAIR: Len Bogner

SECRETARY: Anne Hoel
PAST CHAIR: Steve Schlough

PRESENT: L. Bogner, S. Cole, K. Doll, J. Dzissah, B. Finder, B. Flom, A. Hoel, K. Parejko, G. Ruenger, S. Schlough, J. Watts

EXCUSED: D. Albrecht, K. Martinson, B. Murphy, F. Schultz

I. Call to Order – 2:30 p.m.

II. Announcements and Information – Vice Chair Bogner announced that he would be chairing the meeting, as Chair Schultz, Chancellor Sorensen, and Provost Furst-Bowe were attending the AQIP Conference in Illinois.

Vice Chair Bogner explained that Chair Schultz asked him to discuss the Chancellor's opening speech where he mentioned hiring a full-time fund raiser/lobbyist. Bob Meyer has accepted this position and will be stepping down as Dean of CTEM on July 1. This could possibly lead to a realignment of CTEM, as well as the entire campus. Bogner asked the Executive Committee if this should be a topic for the Faculty Senate Agenda. Cole recommended that the Senate be an active participant and faculty need to be an influential part of the process. Parejko asked the group "Why?" Is there some justification for restructuring? The campus deserves to know the pros and cons of the plan. Schlough explained that the campus was restructured when George DePuy was Provost and felt that if the campus would be more efficient in a new realignment, it should benefit everyone. Because of time constraints, the group agreed that this item be further discussed later under University Priority Development under New Business.

III. Minutes of December 5, 2006 (Attachment 1)

Motion: Ruenger/Doll moved to approve the Minutes of December 5, 2006.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

IV. Chancellor's Report

- A. Laptop Contract (Doug Wahl)
- B. Peoplesoft ERP System Migration (Doug Wahl)

Vice Chair Bogner said that Chair Schultz was the Faculty Senate representative on Doug Wahl's Technology and Information Services Advisory Committee. The group has met once this year. Schlough recommended that Wahl be asked to provide a committee update during the Faculty Senate Meeting and asked Bogner to discuss this request with Chair Schultz.

V. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs' Report – Vice Chair Bogner stated that Provost Furst-Bowe asked to have Cindy Gilberts present on the Holistic Admissions Policy on January 30.

Schlough asked Bogner to arrange for a report from the Provost during Faculty Senate Meeting regarding the new classroom software and what it means to the faculty. The Executive Committee agreed that this is a concern that they would like addressed.

VI. Vice Chancellor for Administrative and Student Life Services

VII. Committee Reports

Committee chairs are requested to give oral reports to the Executive Committee and prepare brief written reports for Faculty Senate meetings. Committee chairs who are not Senators should attend Senate meetings, especially when there is an agenda item. Items should be submitted by e-

mail to Joy by noon on Thursdays. All standing committee chairs are expected to attend the Executive Committee Meetings, since they are voting members of the group.

- A. Curriculum & Instruction (Steve Cole) – no report.
- B. Educational Activities (Donna Albrecht) – Flom reported that EAC was working on reviewing the Mandatory Declaration of Major Policy.
- C. Elections (Len Bogner) – Bogner reported the results of the Faculty Senate Election held in December: Jerry Kapus, Vice Chair; Ned Weckmueller, Secretary; Phillip Motley and Michelle Barfoot, CAS Senators; Steve Cole, Mark Fenton, and Adel Mekraz, CTEM Senators. He asked the group that if they knew of anyone who ran, wasn't elected, and still was interested in serving, to encourage them to run for many openings on committees that are still available.
- D. Finance Committee (Bill Murphy) - no report.
- E. Graduate Education Committee (Gene Ruenger) - no report.
- F. General Education (Ken Parejko) –Parejko reported that GEC hosted a Professional Development Workshop in January that had good attendance. GEC met on January 19, approved some courses, and were trying to summarize the General Education Assessment reports to improve the format to allow a better range of assessment methodologies. The information received could be summarized and made available to interested people on campus.
- G. Personnel Policies (Karen Martinson) – PPC will meet on January 26.
- H. Planning & Review (Brian Finder) – Finder reported that PRC will meet on January 26 to review a program. The group is still desperately in need of members.
- I. Other

VIII. Old Business

- A. Other

IX. New Business

- A. Elect All University Named Professorship Committee (ballots will be brought to the meeting) – Ballots were distributed to Senators and the following people were elected to serve:
Leslie Koepke, CHD; Marty Ondrus, CAS; Bob Hendricks, CTEM; Amy Gillett, SOE; and Claudia Smith, At-Large. As Past Chair of the Faculty Senate, Steve Schlough will chair the group.

- B. University Priority Development – Vice Chair Bogner explained that the Faculty Senate agreed to be more proactive in bringing priorities to the Chancellor's Summer Retreat. Bogner sent out an e-mail to Senators informing them that they were enrolled in D2L in order to gather feedback and disseminate more information relating to any new priorities. He asked the Executive Committee if "Campus Alignment" should be added as another agenda item. The group agreed and discussed the importance of having faculty participate and be given an opportunity to provide input to the Chancellor. Bogner stressed that "Polytechnic" was one issue and "Realignment" was another--and not a direct windfall of the new designation. Much discussion ensued and the Executive Committee agreed that a "Self-Review Exploration Committee" be formed from members of the Faculty Senate to review the current university structure, perform a needs assessment, and analyze realignment on campus. This will be an additional agenda item for January 30.

- C. Polytechnic White Paper – Vice Chair Bogner announced that the Chancellor's Letter and Doug Mell's Position Paper were on UW-Stout's home page on the Web and asked Joy to include the links on the January 30 Agenda.

- D. Freshmen Admission Expectations and Freshmen Admissions Policy (Attachment 2) – Vice Chair Bogner clarified that Cindy Gilberts would give an overview on the Holistic Admission Policy during the Meeting of the Combined Senates on January 30. Parejko asked if the policy addressed admitting people who were home-schooled. It was decided that the Faculty Senate could ask Gilberts during the meeting.

- E. Faculty Workload Letter from PPC (Karen Martinson; Attachment 3) – Vice Chair

Bogner asked the group if the entire letter should be forwarded to the Senate. He added that he was in favor of forwarding the entire document and felt it was a good letter that addressed important concerns on campus. Discussion focused on the debate regarding work policy and work week and how this portion of the policy should either be removed from the Handbook or approved. Schlough said that he felt a motion should be made during the Faculty Senate Meeting to pull this out of the Handbook and for Stout to use whatever applicable policy UW-System had. But, he added, the issue would be decided by Stout's faculty and if they wanted a more definitive policy. Bogner reminded the group that PPC was recommending that the department chairs should decide on their own policies; however, administration prefers that a campus policy be formed. But it would be ultimately up to the Faculty Senate to make a recommendation and pass a

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on what they want. The group agreed that the entire PPC letter should be shared with the Faculty Senate.

- F. Revisions to Application for Promotion (Karen Martinson; Attachment 4) – This item will be placed on the January 30 Faculty Senate Agenda.**
- G. Other – Vice Chair Bogner announced that PPC would be bringing the Faculty Salary Guidelines to the Faculty Senate on January 30. Cole suggested asking PPC Chair Martinson to designate a co-chair that could attend Faculty Senate Executive and full Senate Meetings, who could help answer questions on items coming from PPC.**

Schlough suggested using a “Consent Agenda” for next year.

X. Adjournment - 3:53 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
Anne Hoel, Secretary**

**Recorded and prepared by,
Joy Evenson**