

MINUTES  
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 24, 2006

**ATTENDANCE:**

**CHAIR:** Steve Schlough  
**VICE CHAIR:** Forrest Schultz

**SECRETARY:** Anne Hoel  
**PAST CHAIR:** Mike Galloy

**PRESENT:** D. Albrecht, B. Anderson, S. Cole, J. Dzissah, B. Finder, L. Koepke, K. Mauldin, K. Parejko, G. Ruenger

**EXCUSED:** K. Martinson, B. Murphy

**GUESTS:** J. Furst-Bowe, V. Jones

**I. Call to Order – 2:30 p.m.**

**II. Announcements and Information – Chair Schlough reported that there was a nontraditional student position available on the Board of Regents and asked Senators to submit any names to the Chancellor. Chair Schlough also announced that the CIO search failed and the Chancellor has decided to begin another search in the fall.**

**III. Minutes of December 6, 2005 (Attachment 1)**

**Motion: Maudlin/Fitch moved to approve the Minutes of December 6, 2005.**

**Vote: Passed unanimously.**

**IV. Chancellor's Report – No report, as he was off campus.**

**V. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs' Report – Provost Furst-Bowe reported for the Chancellor and announced that UW-Stout would be entering into a contract (\$25,000) with the James Tower Company to coordinate the focus groups regarding the Polytechnic initiative. These focus groups would include having telephone interviews with students, parents, and regional business leaders. James Tower was also working with the Foundation Office concerning Stout's overall marketing. Schultz asked where the company was from. Furst-Bowe replied that they were from Mankato, Minnesota, and the group would use trained phone surveyors, collect and compile data, and also submit a final report this spring that would include verbatim quotes. Galloy said that he supports the Chancellor in choosing the same marketing company that was working with the Foundation Office and felt it was a good move.**

Provost Furst-Bowe also reported for Vice Chancellor Moen and announced that campuses would have an opportunity to obtain FTE (not 102 account positions, but 131 positions) from tuition revenue, which could be used to fund approximately ten additional instructional academic staff positions. Additionally, UW-System was asking campuses to submit DIN (Decision Item Narrative) requests in March for 2007-2009, which could give Stout another opportunity to obtain 102 money from the State to help fund certain programs. (The last one received, she noted, was used to help fund the Graphic Communications Management Program.) However, obtaining the funding was extremely competitive between campuses and each must make a case for its need.

Provost Furst-Bowe distributed three charges from Chancellor Sorensen to the Educational Activities Committee, Ethnic Studies Committee, and General Education Committee. Albrecht reported that EAC's subcommittees were working on all of its charges and were still gathering input; however, an update would be coming in February on all of the items. Furst-Bowe clarified that it was not intended for a policy to be developed for each, but to just have a report submitted, so the Chancellor could review the data. Cole reported that CIC's Ethnic Studies Subcommittee was working on the course review charge and would complete its task by May 3, 2006. He also noted that CIC was reviewing the entire curriculum approval process and would bring a resolution to the Faculty Senate. Ruenger recommended that the CIC website needed to be updated. Parejko replied that he and Tricia were working on it and also reported that GEC was on task concerning reviewing General Education's objectives, requirements, and courses, as well as their assessment model. Chair

Schlough reminded the group that anyone responsible for websites should only keep documents at one site, so they can be kept up-to-date easier.

**VI. Vice Chancellor for Administrative and Student Life Services' Report**

**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 need not attend Senate meetings unless there are specific agenda items from their committee on the agenda. Reports 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) – no report.
- C. Elections (Forrest Schultz) – Schultz reported the recent results of the Faculty Senate election: Kirk Mauldin, Vice Chair; Anne Hoel, Secretary; Julianne Taylor, At-Large Senator; Alec Kirby, CAS Senator; and Len Bogner, CTEM Senator. Schultz announced that the group needed to elect representatives to the 2006 Named Professorship Committee later during the meeting under New Business.
- D. Finance Committee (Bill Murphy) – Ruenger reported that the committee was meeting and Chair Murphy was working on changing its membership to include an ex officio member from the Budget, Planning, and Analysis Office who could attend meetings as a resource person.
- E. Graduate Education Committee (Gene Ruenger) - Ruenger reported that he had two items to be distributed under New Business.
- F. General Education (Ken Parejko) – Parejko reported that a revision to the Health and Physical Education major would be coming to the Faculty Senate soon. GEC hosted two workshops during Professional Development which were well attended and received. The committee listened to curriculum and ethnic studies concerns that he will pass on to Steve Cole. Recommendations will also be coming to the Senate concerning the General Education objectives.
- G. Personnel Policies (Karen Martinson) –Chair Schlough reported that the 2006-2007 Salary Guidelines were approved by the Chancellor as submitted.
- H. Planning & Review (Brian Finder) – Finder reported that PRC would meet on January 27.
- I. Polytechnic Steering Committee (Kirk Mauldin and Forrest Schultz) – Mauldin reported that the group has met a couple of times, formed a subcommittee, and planned to meet this week to form action items. Additionally he noted that the committee was appreciative that the Chancellor expanded his charge to the group. Schultz added that the committee was comprised of many highly qualified people who had various perspectives across campus and they would be defining a focus or action plan related to the Chancellor's charge. Schlough asked when the committee's work would be completed. Schultz replied that they hoped to be done in April. Mauldin added that it could be dependent on how narrowly the group defined its focus on matrix comparatives, majors, types of schools, etc. Galloy said that he had some matrix examples that could be helpful and would forward them to Mauldin.
- J. Other – Provost Furst-Bowe reported that Janice Coker would serve as the representative from her office on CIC, EAC, Ethnic Studies Committee, GREC, PRC, and GEC. However, Claudia Smith would still remain on PPC, as she has extensive experience and background regarding this committee.

**VIII. Old Business – Chair Schlough explained that the following would remain on the table unless a motion was made to remove them.**

- A. Polytechnic Designation (tabled from October 18 Faculty Senate Meeting for more input)
- B. Faculty Senate Continues to Engage in Polytechnic Discussion (Motion from Faculty Senate Meeting of November 29)
- C. Other

**IX. New Business**

- A. Elect reps to the 2006 Named Professorship Committee (Forrest Schultz; Ballots will be brought to the meeting) – Schultz distributed ballots to the group for them to vote for their representatives on the committee.
- B. B.S. in Information and Communication Technologies (Brian Finder; Attachment 2) Finder said that PRC approved the document and would like to bring it forward to the

Faculty Senate.

**Motion:** Galloy/Albrecht moved to place the B.S. in Information and Communication Technologies on the January 31 Faculty Senate Agenda.

**Vote:** Passed unanimously.

C. **EAC Charge: Student Progress Policy (Donna Albrecht; Attachment 3)** – Albrecht reported that EAC recommended to postpone this item until they could collect more data regarding block scheduling and asked that it be removed from the Agenda. Furst-Bowe agreed. Discussion ensued regarding advising students who weren't good at math or science and who may need to take a class more than once to get the appropriate grade they needed for their major so they could graduate. Cole recommended to have the DARS Report formatted differently, so it can be printed out accurately. Schlough said that the printed format could be accurately printed from Access Stout; however, it was difficult to read printed from e-Scholar. Schultz said that advising was inconsistent from program to program across campus and recommended that a consistent overall campus advisement policy could be developed to help advisors. Furst-Bowe said that she would charge the Advisement staff to put something like this together.

D. Ruenger distributed the revised “Bylaws of the Graduate Education Committee” and the “Graduate Education Committee’s Recommendation for Revising the Exceptions to Graduate School Policies Committee” to the group and asked that they be placed on the January 31 Faculty Senate Agenda.

**Motion:** Ruenger/Albrecht moved to take the two items to the Faculty Senate on January 31, 2006.

**Vote:** Passed unanimously.

D. **Governance at UW-Stout (Open Discussion)**

Topics to be discussed may include the following items that have been brought to the Chair’s attention, but not limited to these. The Chair will give a brief introduction and then the Executive Committee will decide which issues the Senate should discuss and how they should be addressed:

- Chapter 36 (Attachment 4)
- Should governance be proactive or reactive?
- Dialogue with administration
- Pay & Summer Pay
- Administrative Appointments
- Governance relationship to priority sessions (Baldrige Process)

Extensive open discussion ensued regarding all of the above topics. However, the Executive Committee agreed to have the Faculty Senate focus on only one topic at a time and gave its consensus to bring forward “Concerns Regarding Open Communication in Shared Governance” to the January 31 Faculty Senate Meeting.

E. **Other – Vice Chair Schultz announced the winners of the Named Professorship Committee and noted that Mike Galloy, Past Chair of the Faculty Senate, would serve as its Chair.**

**CHD:** Tom Franklin  
**CAS:** Bea Bigony  
**CTEM:** Bob Hendricks  
**SOE:** Howard Lee  
**At-Large:** Pinckney Hall

X. **Adjournment – 4:45 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Hoel, Secretary

Recorded and prepared by,  
Joy Evenson

