

**MINUTES**  
**FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**OCTOBER 31, 2006**  
**OAKWOOD ROOM**  
**2:30 – 4:30 P.M.**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**CHAIR:** Forrest Schultz  
**VICE CHAIR:** Len Bogner

**SECRETARY:** Anne Hoel  
**PAST CHAIR:** Steve Schlough

**PRESENT:** S. Cole, K. Doll, J. Dzissah, B. Finder, B. Flom, K. Parejko, G. Ruenger, J. Watts

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

**I. Call to Order – 2:35 p.m.**

**II. Announcements and Information**

**III. Minutes of October 11, 2006 (Attachment 1)**

**Correction:** Parejko recommended changing the first sentence of the Chancellor's Report to read, "Chancellor Sorensen reported that the Board of Regents developed a resolution to not support the marriage amendment. However, a few building approvals were approved at the meeting."

**Motion:** Ruenger/Doll moved to approve the revised Minutes of October 11, 2006.

**Vote:** Passed unanimously as corrected.

**IV. Chancellor's Report –no report.**

**V. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs' Report – Provost Furst-Bowe reminded everyone that the Criminal Background Check Policy needed to be voted on at the November 7 meeting and that the Faculty/Staff Development Allocations for 2005-2006 was only for information.**

**A. Criminal Background Check Policy (Attachment 2)**

**B. Faculty/Staff Development Allocations for 2005-2006 (Attachment 3)**

**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) –** Cole reported that CIC was in the process of organizing an electronic submission subcommittee that will incorporate a paperless process by next year. The CIC was also reviewing an approval process for "Special Topics," such as the summer continuing education courses, and other courses that change over time or are offered once or twice.

**B. Educational Activities (Donna Albrecht and Barb Flom) -** Flom reported that EAC was working on next year's calendar, but had a minor problem with WinTerM. Chair Schultz said that he will give EAC their charge from the October 17, 2006 Faculty Senate Meeting.

**C. Elections (Len Bogner) –** Bogner reported that the Call for Faculty Senate Nominations went out and were due November 17 for vacancies for Vice Chair, Secretary, 3 Senators from CTEM, 2 from CAS, and 1 from CHD.

**D. Finance Committee (Bill Murphy) –**Chair Schultz said that he still needed to meet with Murphy.

**E. Graduate Education Committee (Gene Ruenger) -** Ruenger reported that the group was working on things, but there was no report.

**F. General Education (Ken Parejko) –** no report.

**G. Personnel Policies (Karen Martinson) –** Chair Schultz said that he would give the Faculty

Senate's charge from its meeting of October 17, 2006 to PPC.

H. **Planning & Review (Brian Finder)** – Finder distributed his report and explained that the M.S. in Training and Development Program and the Honors Program should have their presentations completed to the committee by the end of the semester. The only outstanding report from last year is the Dean's response to the B.S. in Applied Sciences Program review. PRC still needs two members from the Faculty Senate, including one from CHD, one from GREC, and two students. Discussion focused on ways to reduce the PRC workload, including reviewing the ESURC template and working with the program directors to see some commonality.

I. **Other**

**XI. Old Business**

A. **Other**

**XII. New Business**

A. **Tenure Timeline for 2007-08 (PPC; Attachment 4)** – This will go on the November 7 Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda.

B. **Revised Learning Values/Culture of Affirmation at Stout (Dan Riordan; Attachment 5)** Chair Schultz explained that the revised document from Hector Cruz and Dan Riordan was ready for Faculty Senate review. Bogner suggested that the item could wait until the November 28 Faculty Senate Meeting.

C. **UWS-7 (Forrest Schultz; Progress Update)** – Chair Schultz stated that he attended a recent hearing in Madison. The Disciplinary Hearing Committee met, reviewed all of the Senates' comments, and acknowledged the issues and glitches they had. They spoke clearly and took time talking about the validity of the concerns, but didn't accept any of them. Much discussion occurred after the hearing regarding what was needed to gain the public's trust. It was agreed to follow UWS 4 when a person was charged and wanted to work with pay, as it's difficult to justify not paying someone if he/she wishes to work. However, if the person was in court and not able to work, then he/she would not receive any pay. Any back pay would be automatically restored if the person was found innocent. If the person was charged with a serious crime, he/she would be asked to not report to work. The item will now move forward for the Board of Regents Meeting as only an announcement.

D. **NSSE Report (Forrest Schultz)** – Bogner reminded the group that the Faculty Senate wished to review the NSSE Report again. This item will be placed on the Agenda for November 7.

E. **Chapter 36 (Forrest Schultz)** – Chair Schultz asked the group if training opportunities should be provided for faculty and Senators regarding Chapter 36. More and more groups are bringing items to the Faculty Senate as a primary way to disseminate reports and information. Schlough explained that the Senate is frequently asked to provide feedback within a short turnaround time for some issues, which makes it less proactive. The time spent on reports sometimes takes away from time available to spend on Senate priorities (such as studying Bylaws or other issues). It was agreed that this would be discussed at a later meeting.

Watts asked the group where to send her constituents' comments regarding the workload issue. Chair Schultz said to forward them to Karen Martinson, Chair of the Personnel Policies Committee.

F. **Governance Structure (Forrest Schultz)** – Discussion ensued regarding if the Standing Committee chairs needed to attend all Faculty Senate and Executive Committee meetings, a total of four meetings per month. Chair Schultz asked the group if some of the Senators should form a "blue ribbon group" to analyze the Senate's structure, including the length of the Chair's term. Schlough reminded the group that the Senate was redesigned approximately ten years ago to include one representative from each department. Because some colleges have more departments than others, the process was designed to include college, school, and at-large representatives to equally balance out the number of representatives each unit has on the Faculty Senate. Discussion then focused if more

representation was better representation and the difficulty of getting some of the items passed with a larger Senate. One Senator, a college representative, said that it's confusing as he doesn't know who to report to. The departmental representatives were sending out the same information as he does and it's not really necessary. Chair Schultz said that this topic should be studied, as well as different types of Senate structures, by a small task force that could report its recommendation to the Faculty Senate.

**G. Other** – Chair Schultz asked the group what should be done with Senator Kirby's Marriage Amendment proposal. Discussion focused on what other campuses have done in the System, the late timing of sending it out, and what the campus could gain in taking action. It was decided not to bring this item forward on the agenda.

Discussion ensued regarding if the Faculty Senate should create a resolution after the Listening Sessions endorsing some of the university priorities to help shape them. Kitrina Carlson and Renee Howarton are the Faculty Senate representatives on the Strategic Planning Group. The group agreed to get feedback from their departments and constituents after all of the Listening Sessions were completed. This item will remain on the agenda, but lower in priority for now.

**XIII. Adjournment – 4:05 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Hoel, Secretary

Recorded and prepared by,  
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