

NOTES FROM MEETING OF THE COMBINED SENATES
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STOUT
OCTOBER 4, 2005
BALLROOM C
2:30 P.M.

Vi Jones, Senate of Academic Staff Chair, welcomed everyone at 2:35 p.m.

I. Chancellor's Report

A. **Dahlgren & Price Ranney Professorships for 2006-2007 Academic Year (Attachment 1) - Chancellor Sorensen** said that he wanted to discuss the 2006-2007 Professorships with the Faculty Senate and explained that retaining the funding for the full award amount was eroding the principle. He distributed a handout showing three options: 1) reducing the amounts of each award; 2) award a single Dahlgren for \$7,500 and not award the Ranney Price; and 3) transfer discretionary endowment earnings from other accounts to cover the deficit to be able to offer full professorships for 2006-2007. He added that he would like the Senate to make a recommendation of what they felt was the best option.

B. **Budget – Chancellor Sorensen** reminded everyone that Stout still must have its budget reduced even further, as mandated by Madison, and explained that the Budget Reductions for 2005-2006 included four categories: a \$20 million Asset Management cut; a \$15 million Administrative cut; a \$5 million Procurement reduction; and finally, a \$15 million Joint Finance reduction. Stout's share is nearly \$1.7 million (\$580,000 in one-time reductions, and more than \$1.1 million in permanent cuts). All but \$533,302 has been dealt with and the campus is in the process of deciding how to handle the remainder. Final decisions will be made only after discussion with the Senates, Deans, and the Chancellor's Advisory Council. Vice Chancellor Moen distributed the "Distribution of 2005-07 Budget Reductions" to the group and explained that the first page was a nice summary by the UW System that gave a comparison breakdown between the UW's cut and Stout's cut (either one-time or ongoing). Moen explained that the campus will need to purchase items more cost-effectively (travel, office supplies, etc.) and has given up eight positions. Moen distributed the "2005-2006 Base Budget Cut – JFC Reduction" to the group, noting that Page 1 showed the ongoing portion only that the campus needed to cut, while Page 2 showed the ongoing and one-time reduction. She noted that the Chancellor could make the cuts from any type of budget source for the Joint Finance Reduction. Moen said that the Chancellor is welcoming any thoughts and ideas from people until next week. Chancellor Sorensen added that the larger freshman class this fall helped offset some of the lost revenue; however, there were still some variables (such as the higher heating costs anticipated for this winter and WinTerM) before an actual profit could be announced. He noted that release time and teaching loads would need to be examined, as well as how the campus could invest better for future programs and needs.

Galloy stated that he attended the Faculty Representatives Meeting on September 30 and the reps discussed System cuts and how they were being passed down to each campus. International Education seems to be one area that will be scrutinized. The reps also discussed ways on how UW System could capitalize making cuts in more regionalized areas.

II. **Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs' Report** – Vice Chancellor Furst-Bowe said that she brought Doug Wahl and Nichole Stone to the meeting, so they could help answer any questions regarding e-Scholar and D2L. She distributed two handouts that showed cost comparisons between the two course management systems. Discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of each and how the decision to use D2L was the most practical, especially since both were costing the campus more money than in the past. Jones said that the item was on both Senates' Agendas and would be discussed further in their business meetings. She added that the Budget, Planning and Analysis office had a nice listening board website and encouraged Senators to carry out further discussion, if needed.

III. Chancellor for Administrative and Student Life Services' Report

A. **Distribution of 2005-07 Budget Reductions -** was discussed under the Chancellor's Report.

B. **2005-2006 Base Budget Cut – JFC Reduction –** was discussed under the Chancellor's Report.

Update on Travel and Purchasing Regulations – Vice Chancellor Moen distributed "New Travel Regulations and Contracts," "State of Wisconsin Governor's Initiative A.C.E.," and an article on "Gov: State will save \$200M" to the group. Marilyn Mars, Purchasing, explained that the vision of the Governor's Initiative is to optimize the performance of the government at the agency and enterprise levels by consistently applying best management practices and using credible benchmarks to measure and validate achievements. Goals include to reduce costs by streamlining state government operations and

improving asset management by embracing best practices and an enterprise approach; reduce total FTE by consolidating provision of services within DOA; address aging information systems that support key administrative functions; and capture return on investment opportunities. Wave I was completed regarding procurement contract review, bidding, and consolidation and the campus would begin Wave II. (Wave I includes office supplies, MRO/janitorial, food service, printers, copiers, PC Peripherals, and travel. Wave II includes disposable food service items, advertising (marketing, media planning and buying), non-IT temporary services, furniture, and consulting.)

Kim Schulte-Shoberg gave an update of the new travel contracts for this year, including the new travel cards and agencies. She explained that DOA would require more detailed information regarding travel. She concluded by stating that there would be campus-wide training sessions held to update everyone on the new regulations and also welcomed any e-mails or phone calls regarding specific questions.

**MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE
OCTOBER 4, 2005
BALLROOM C – (Following Administrative Briefing)**

ATTENDANCE:

CHAIR: Steve Schlough
VICE CHAIR: Forrest Schultz

SECRETARY: Anne Hoel
PAST CHAIR: Mike Galloy

PRESENT: T. Allen, B. Anderson, C. Bendel, T. Bensen, P. Calenberg, K. Carlson, S. Cole, M. Decker, J. Dzissah, G. Earl, B. Flom, R. Howarton, L. Koepke, K. Mauldin, K. McDonald, L. Milanesi, M. Ondrus, B. Peters, A. Scott, R. Teleb, N. Weckmueller

EXCUSED: B. Bergquist, T. Brantmeier, D. Brouillard, S. Nold, S. Terry

I. Call to Order - 3:40 p.m.

II. Announcements and Information

A. CIO Search Committee – Chair Schlough explained that he submitted one name to the Chancellor that was approved by the Faculty Senate. Then two more names were submitted. The Chancellor chose the two people not approved by the Faculty Senate. Weckmueller said that he would like a statement sent to the Chancellor showing that the Senate was not fairly represented. This item was covered under below under New Business.

III. Minutes of September 20, 2005 (Attachment 2)

Motion: Milanesi/Koepke moved to approve the Minutes of September 20, 2005.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

IV. Committee Reports – Chair Schlough said that the reports were self-explanatory.

A. Curriculum and Instruction Committee (Steve Cole; Attachment 3)

B. Personnel Policies Committee (Karen Martinson; Attachment 4)

C. Planning and Review Committee (Brian Finder; Attachment 5)

V. Old Business

A. Chancellor’s Coalition on Problem Drinking – Chair Schlough explained that Dave DeLambo from Vocational Rehabilitation has agreed to serve and needs the Faculty Senate’s confirmation.

Motion: Peters/Galloy moved to appoint Dave DeLambo as the faculty representative to serve on the Chancellor’s Coalition on Problem Drinking.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

VI. New Business

A. Elect Faculty Reps to Committees (Forrest Schultz; Ballots will be brought to the meeting) Schultz distributed ballots to the group and asked that they vote for their representatives.

- B. Committee Process (Steve Schlough and Forrest Schultz) –Chair Schlough asked Senators if anyone had any input from their colleagues that they’d like to share, especially in regard to the curriculum process. Peters said that he had only positive feedback from the Rehabilitation and Counseling Department; colleagues felt that things moved quickly and well through the current process. Howarton stated that the Business Department felt it was crucial to maintain all the layers in the process. The only recommendation, she added, was to include more precise instructions relative to general education. Dzissah said that his department also liked all of the layers. Discussion ensued regarding the formation of the new Graduate Education Committee and possible roles that it should have. Cole explained that the Faculty Senate created the Graduate Education Committee to give them a voice on the Faculty Senate regarding Graduate Education programs and courses. Milanese said that the Graduate Council was one place where program directors could get together and share ideas, but now there were fewer involved in the process as the Council has been eliminated. Flom recommended that the Graduate Education Committee needed to be on the website, as well as a flow chart showing the curriculum process. She added that it was the intent of the committee to dissolve the Graduate Council. Galloy explained that last year, the Faculty Senate formed a loose set of bylaws for the Graduate Education Committee to review and use as a base. Perhaps forming more focused bylaws should be their first item of business and then bringing them to the Senate for approval. Flom said that the Graduate Education Committee will meet on October 7 and she would address these recommendations with the group. Carlson said that it would be helpful to have specific forms that were easy to fill out for the General Education courses. Discussion ensued regarding The Finance Committee and if it should be reinstated or eliminated. Cole said that it could be a “hot” committee, but the Faculty Senate hasn’t given it any work to do yet. Allen said that the committee could review such things as the recently-made budget cuts. Discussion ensued regarding how the committee would need to learn the campus’ budget structure, coding system, and how the accounting system worked.**

Motion: Galloy/Allen moved that the Finance Committee review their Bylaws to validate their existence by December 1, 2005.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

Schlough said he would contract Committee Chair, Bill Murphy, regarding the motion. Milanese recommended that one of the areas the committee could explore was the salary dollars someone earns when he/she moves from an administrator position to a faculty position. Discussion ensued. Schlough said that he would keep these items on the Agenda for one more round of meetings. Cole said that CIC was examining the curricular process and would report back to the Faculty Senate its findings.

- C. Committee Inventory (Steve Schlough and Forrest Schultz) – see above.**

- D. Resolution Needed for Course Management System (D2L; Forrest Schultz) – Vice Chair Schultz explained that the Executive Committee recommended that it would be helpful if a Faculty Senate resolution be made regarding the faculty perspective on this, as many see the issue as a curricular concern. Much discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons between e-Scholar and D2L. Milanese stated that there needs to be more resources to get more people trained, especially for distance education. Bendel read Koepke’s notes that said that HDFLCES uses e-Scholar due to its ease of use and the responsiveness and helpfulness by the on-campus staff that help meet their needs. The department also recognizes budget constraints but wonders if in two years, when the contract ends, what system will the campus need to learn then? Cole added that it would be helpful to see how many people on campus use each system. Calenberg said the vast majority of the Speech, Communication, Foreign Languages, Theatre and Music Department use e-Scholar and vehemently opposed e-Scholar being eliminated. Decker also said that the English & Philosophy Department was incensed over the issue and felt a sense of betrayal, as they spent hours learning e-Scholar and now it was being pulled away from them. However, he added that it would be helpful if the faculty could push for the longest transition time in order to help these people learn D2L. Dzissah said that most people in the Operation, Construction & Management Department preferred D2L, but would also like to keep e-Scholar; however, most also realize there was no choice in the matter because of budgetary issues. Peters reported that eight people in the Rehabilitation and Counseling Department were in favor of D2L and two use e-Scholar (one of which recognized the need to change). Bensen asked the group why the campus developed a “home-grown” system when another “off- the- shelf” solution existed. He added that the Apparel & Communication Technologies Department avoided e-Scholar because of the issues and D2L worked. Ondrus said that the Chemistry Department was split in half with each group wanting**

each system. Allen recommended to make the transition to D2L during the spring and summer period instead of the fall semester,

Motion: Galloy/Peters moved that the Faculty Senate pass the following resolution regarding a Course Management System:

If budgeting constraints require using only one course management system, the Faculty Senate requests that ample transition time and expertise be provided to help faculty switch to the course management system selected.

Friendly Amendment: Cole recommended to add the words, “through fall, 2006” to the resolution.

Discussion ensued and it was agreed to vote on the resolution without any date indicated.

Vote: Passed by majority vote.

D. Other

1. CIO Search Committee – Weckmueller read the following resolution to the group:

Since the Faculty Senate chose Steve Cole as its representative to the CIO Search Committee, and subsequently two additional names were forwarded to the Chancellor by the Chair of the Faculty Senate without endorsement of the Faculty Senate; and since Steve Cole was not elected to represent the Faculty on that committee; be it resolved that the Faculty Senate does not consider the Faculty to be represented on that committee unless Steve Cole is added to the committee.

Motion: Weckmueller/Allen moved Faculty Senate approval of the resolution and that it be sent to the Chancellor.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

2. Listening Session – Chair Schlough asked the group if they preferred a joint or private Listening Session and said he contact BPA with the results.

In favor of a Joint Listening Session: 5 (by count of hands)

In favor of an Individual Listening Session: 13 (by count of hands)

VII. Adjournment – 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Hoel, Secretary

Recorded and prepared by,
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