

**NOTES FROM MEETING OF THE COMBINED SENATES
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STOUT
FEBRUARY 13, 2007
BALLROOM C
2:30-5:00 P.M.**

Dennis Shaw, Chair of the Senate of Academic Staff, opened the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

- I. **Chancellor's Report** – Chancellor Sorensen explained that the Board of Regents approved the revised Admissions Policy and also discussed the issue of CVTC offering a parallel Liberal Arts Program during their February meeting. He added that he had an opportunity to discuss Stout's Polytechnic with a couple of Regents and all were supportive of the designation.
- II. **Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs' Report** – Provost Furst-Bowe announced that Stout will have a brief visit from AQIP representatives May 2 - 4 to verify that the campus is doing things correctly; one or more sessions will be planned regarding governance issues.
 - A. **AQIP Quality Check-up Site Visit on May 2-4, 2007 (Provost Furst-Bowe)**
 - B. **Room Scheduling Software (Jeff Kirschling)** – Jeff Kirschling, Registrar, explained that the new software, called Ad Astra Information Systems, will provide a new way in assigning classrooms that will be fully integrated with Datatel and PeopleSoft. One advantage to the program is that it will optimize Stout's classroom usage as efficiently as possible. Kirschling added that he is meeting with department chairs to determine their faculty or course preferences and room features. All pre-assigned general classrooms will be scheduled by Astra Scheduler for fall 2007. The Registration and Records Office will then manually evaluate all assignments, compare the results with the pre-assignments made by the department chairs, and work individually with the chairs to rectify any issues. The software will also be helpful in scheduling faculty teaching back-to-back periods in the same building. Additionally, specific classroom needs, including disability features, will be imbedded and incorporated into the system. Once all of the information is entered, the optimizer will be run, and a web piece will be implemented during this summer, so everyone can see how it's activated.
 - C. **Dunn County Community Visioning (Juliet Fox; Attachment 1)** – Juliet Fox, Director of Dunn County Community Visioning, explained that the group consists of a consortium of county leaders providing an opportunity for citizens to come together to explore options, drive policy, and solve problems initiated by the DCCV. Within the next year, the project will bring together over 350 Dunn County citizens to help create a vision for the future and to recommend programs and policies that will achieve that vision. Chancellor Sorensen asked Fox about the community's response. Fox replied that the project began as a "grass roots" project and is slowly gaining momentum. Consultants have been hired from Australia and Wisconsin to work together with the stakeholders, she concluded.
- III. **Vice Chancellor for Administrative and Student Life Services' Report** – Vice Chancellor Moen explained that Governor Jim Doyle's budget would be announced later in the day and his address would be given at 7:00 p.m. on public radio and television. It will be good news for the UW-System, especially since he's proposing many new revenue sources.
 - A. **2005-2006 Year-End Budget Review (Meridith Wentz; Attachment 2)** – Wentz gave an overview of the document, explained that it was an executive summary of a larger version on the BPA website, and provides a summary of accomplishments, challenges, and budget information for 2005-06.
 - B. **General Education Senior Level Assessment Survey (Meridith Wentz; Attachment 3)** – Wentz explained that the General Education Senior Level Assessment Survey was conducted each year for the past nine years, focuses on results from the past two years, and makes comparisons to the first year that the survey was conducted. The senior students who completed the survey were in the second cohort group who received laptop computers (during freshmen orientation) as part of the e-scholar program.

- IV. **Other Announcements & Information** – Jordan Chabalowski, SSA, explained that SSA was conducting some open listening sessions toward to the end of February to help improve communications between the students and administration and faculty/staff. The sessions will be used to facilitate good conversations and follow-up with concerns. Chabalowski asked Senators to please encourage their colleagues and students to participate.

Chair Shaw announced that Tommy Thompson will be on campus February 23 to talk about stem cell research.

**MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2007
BALLROOM C – (Following Meeting of the Combined Senates)**

ATTENDANCE:

CHAIR: Forrest Schultz

SECRETARY: Anne Hoel

VICE CHAIR: Len Bogner

PAST CHAIR: Steve Schlough

PRESENT: T. Allen, L. Jerlach for T. Brantmeier, K. Carlson, K. Doll, J. Dzissah, B. Flom, P. Ghenciu, D. Homa, R. Howarton, T. Karis, A. Kirby, K. McDonald, M. Miller-Rodeberg, R. Qalyoubi-Kemp, C. Rohrer, A. Scott, L. Stradins, J. Taylor, R. Teleb, J. Watts

EXCUSED: B. Anderson, B. Bergquist, P. Calenberg, S. Cole, G. Neidermyer, S. Nold, S. Terry

GUESTS: Chancellor Sorensen, Provost Furst-Bowe, W. Argo, W. Argo

I. **Call to Order**- 3:10 P.M.

- II. **Announcements and Information** – Chair Schultz explained that the Governor’s budget was discussed during the February Faculty Representative’s Meeting, including the Domestic Partners Benefits issue, LAB Audit, and collegial coverage. Dennis Shaw serves as an academic staff representative on the state-level committee and will be Stout’s contact person. The domestic partners benefits dilemma is becoming a big recruiting and retention tool, and Schultz encouraged Senators to campaign with their legislators regarding the topic.

III. **Minutes of January 30, 2007** (Attachment 4)

Motion: Schlough/Howarton moved to approve the Minutes of January 30, 2007.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

IV. **Committee Reports**

- A. **Planning and Review Committee** (Brian Finder; Attachment 5) - for information only.

V. **Old Business**

- A. **Learning Values/Culture of Affirmation at Stout** (Forrest Schultz; Attachment 6) – Chair Schultz explained that this item was brought to the Faculty Senate last fall by Hector Cruz and Dan Riordan as a result from last year’s University Priorities.

Motion: Bogner/Taylor moved to endorse the Learning Values/Culture of Affirmation at Stout.

Chancellor Sorensen asked how the document could be measured. Taylor reminded the group that this question was also asked last fall by the Faculty Senate. Schultz asked the Senators if they wanted to see this piece of the document. McDonald added that the discussion last fall focused on if it would only show up in a policy in a book sitting somewhere on a shelf, or be actually seen by people. Hoel said that she would follow-up with Riordan. Schlough suggested inviting them to attend a future Faculty Senate Meeting, so they could help answer questions. Schultz asked the group how this could be implemented at Stout. Provost Furst-Bowe replied that it would be publicized to demonstrate to new faculty what the culture at Stout's would be. However, performance evaluations would not be affected, she added.

Motion to Table: Schlough/Scott moved to TABLE the item until Cruz and Riordan could attend a Faculty Senate Meeting to give more information and answer questions.

Vote: Passed with one abstention.

B. Other

VI. New Business

- A. Dunn County Visioning Resolution (Forrest Schultz; Attachment 7) – Chair Schultz explained that the resolution came from Juliet Fox, Director for Dunn County Visioning.**

Motion to Endorse: Schlough/Scott moved that the Faculty Senate endorse the Resolution for Dunn County Visioning.

Scott and Kirby both felt that the feedback from the community was good, but would also like to see additional research, literature, smart growth planning, or examples from other communities that could be used to help formulate the guidelines for Dunn County. Schlough asked if other governmental bodies could help create the planning guidelines. Fox replied that they would; however, the core group would develop specific recommendations for the policy-makers regarding land use, development strategies, policy, and program implementation. Dunn County is unique because the community is embracing this concept before any changes in economic growth occur. Discussion ensued regarding having people randomly selected from a jury pool to ensure that representatives from different groups of people were represented.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

- B. University Priority Development (Forrest Schultz) – Chair Schultz explained that this item would remain on the agenda, since new priorities would be discussed during Faculty Senate meetings. Bogner stated that all Senators were enrolled in D2L in an effort to provide an opportunity for input and encouraged them to also discuss new issues in their department meetings. All information received would be used to help formulate new priorities for next year during the Chancellor's Summer Retreat.**
- C. Alignment Committee (Forrest Schultz and Len Bogner) – Chair Schultz explained that during its last meeting, the Executive Committee discussed forming an alignment committee and process on campus. The group would consist of three or four representatives from each Senate, who would work with Provost Furst-Bowe in forming the principles and giving input yet this semester. Schultz stated that he supported the proposal and the opportunity that faculty/staff and governance have to become engaged early in the process. Schultz said that Steve Noll, Julianne Taylor, and Len Bogner volunteered to serve as the Faculty Senate representatives; he has asked them to keep the Senate informed as the committee progresses. Discussion focused on the type of alignment that could meet Stout's challenges for the 21st century and the composition of the committee. Schultz said that it would be an evolving process and asked faculty to forward any ideas or concerns to the Senate's representatives. Brainstorming would take place this semester and summer, so models could be developed by**

fall semester. Schlough suggested examining the structures of UW-Superior and UW-Green Bay. Chancellor Sorensen added that the committee could look at different matrixes from various campuses, but should really try to think of a model that would be unique and benefit Stout the most. Discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of realigning cross-disciplines across campus and how students could benefit by departments sharing labs and equipment facilities. For instance, it could be very beneficial for the sciences to share resources to enhance their specialties. How can Stout serve the students more efficiently? The committee would sift through all of the information and determine a structure that would add value to the students, as well as determine how various majors and departments could interface with each other.

D. Other

VII. Adjournment – 4:05 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
Anne Hoel**

**Recorded and prepared by,
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