

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 20, 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: S. Cole, K. Doll, J. Dzissah, B. Finder, B. Flom, K. Parejko, G. Ruenger, J. Watts

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

GUESTS: Chancellor Sorensen, Provost Furst-Bowe, Dennis Shaw

I. Call to Order – 2:40 p.m.

II. Announcements and Information – Vice Chair Bogner announced that a Faculty Priority Forum will be held on February 23 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in Millennium Hall. Priorities generated will be used to help direct the energies of the Faculty Senate and will be brought forward as priorities to the Strategic Planning Group this summer. Bogner asked Senators to encourage colleagues to attend and give feedback and/or also go through the D2L website to give input.

III. Minutes of February 6, 2007 (Attachment 1)

Motion: Parejko/Bogner moved to approve the Minutes of February 6, 2007.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

IV. Chancellor's Report – Chancellor Sorensen announced that Stout's Theatre project will go before the Building Commission in March and most likely be funded. This five million dollar project is the highest priority item, and funding will be used to preserve as much as the original theatre as possible in the renovating.

V. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs' Report – Provost Furst-Bowe explained that she, Chancellor Sorensen, and Dean Meyer met with UW-System President Kevin Reilly and Regents regarding Stout's proposal for the Electrical Engineering and Polymer Engineering degrees; both were granted program entitlements with the understanding that Stout would work jointly with UW-Madison and UW-Milwaukee for assistance. She noted that the Chancellor, Schultz, and a student representative would present Stout's Polytechnic Branding during the March Board of Regents Meeting, and the Polytechnic Steering Committee has been meeting as well.

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) - no report.

C. Elections (Len Bogner) – Bogner noted that all committee nominations are due to the Senate Office on March 2.

D. Finance Committee (Bill Murphy) – no report.

E. Graduate Education Committee (Gene Ruenger) – no report.

F. General Education (Ken Parejko) – Parejko noted that GEC met on February 16 to discuss ways to obtain results from the General Education Assessment exercises that were summarized and sent out to the general campus. GEC also deliberated on how to shape the General Education curriculum to best serve the students and Stout.

- G. **Personnel Policies (Karen Martinson)** – Chair Schultz distributed the Morale Report to the group. Doll explained that there was a miscommunication regarding the narrative study between PPC and Wentz, as the report was only a draft and had not been formally approved by PPC. PPC won't argue the coding study or type of coding. However, the main summary reflects the number of responses; the LTE's had more negative comments. Much discussion ensued and focused on if there were any results from the quantitative part of the Morale Report, and this was an entirely different body of data to take into consideration. Provost Furst-Bowe agreed and noted that both sets of data go "hand-in-hand" with each other. Doll explained that the report was meant to go only to PPC, but after Wentz's response was received, PPC decided to forward both documents to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. Discussion then focused on various hiring practices for degreed faculty and whether or not to forward both documents to the Faculty Senate. Schlough noted that if a Faculty Senate standing committee had been given a charge by the Senate, and it does what it's asked to do and submits a report, it should be honored and sent forward.

Motion: Schlough/Bogner moved to forward both documents to the Faculty Senate.

Vote: Opposed with 2 abstentions. Schultz clarified that the Motion was defeated.

Much discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of sending both documents, or just forwarding the original subcommittee's report to the Faculty Senate. The group finally concurred that BOTH should be forwarded.

- H. **Planning & Review (Brian Finder)** – Finder distributed the PRC report and noted that the Honors Program report has been approved by the committee and forwarded to the Associate Vice Chancellor's office for response. The B.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences Program was presented to PRC on February 16, and two SSA reps have been added to the group. The PRC is currently entertaining a proposal to streamline the self-assessment process that the respective program director is required to follow. Finder asked if this change needed to be approved by the Faculty Senate. The Executive Committee said the committee could make independent internal changes, but if its Bylaws were changed, then they needed to get Senate approval.

- I. **Other**

VIII. **Old Business**

- A. **Learning Values/Culture of Affirmation at Stout (TABLED during Feb. 13, 2007 Faculty Senate Meeting)** – Chair Schultz noted that he would invite Hector Cruz to the February 27 Senate Meeting.
- B. **Other**

IX. **New Business**

- A. **Faculty Representation at UW-System (Forrest Schultz)** – Chair Schultz explained that he invited recent Faculty Senate Past Chairs to share their thoughts concerning the relationship between the state's faculty representatives, UW-System, and the Board of Regents. Schultz represents Stout as its faculty representative this year and meets with other campus' faculty representatives informally in Madison once a month. UW-System has asked the reps how to interact with them on issues of concern this year, particularly the Background Check Policy, UWS 7, and others. Additionally, the current Board of Regents also desire to interact with the reps, but each group doesn't feel very comfortable. How can the Board of Regents interact better with the faculty? Should the faculty reps speak more proactively on behalf of their Senates, or should they represent the faculty from their campuses as a whole? Galloy felt that the reps are an informal advisory group composed by representatives from each campus who can provide feedback to UW-System. However, a breakdown often occurs between UW-System and the Board of Regents. In the past, a few representatives bypassed UW-System and spoke directly to the Board of Regents, and the other reps felt they weren't using the proper reporting structure. A few years ago, there was talk regarding the formation of a state Faculty Senate, but the reps felt it would be too formal a structure. However, the collective bargaining issue is another

slant which impacts the dilemma. Galloy noted that he felt he served as a spokesperson for Stout's Faculty Senate when served as Chair. Much discussion ensued regarding people from TAUWP forming possible agendas for a UW-System group. Galloy noted that the reps and TAUWP were not union-negotiating groups. Schlough agreed and stated that the reps were simply an informal group representing each campus' Senate, had no legal standing, and couldn't provide official input to the Regents. It was a place where the reps could speak their own ideas, as well as share their Senates' viewpoints with UW-System. Furthermore, if UW-System and the Board of Regents want this procedure, then Chapter 36 would need to be revised. Much discussion ensued and focused on the pros and cons of each process, perhaps choosing a formal faculty rep other than the Senate Chair to attend meetings in Madison, and if the Faculty Senate Chair's term should be greater than one year. Schlough pointed out that each campus is delegated two Regents and these people should try to visit their constituents regularly in order to gather issues and concerns. Schultz concluded by saying that he would keep the Senate informed as he obtains new information on the topic.

- B. PRC Assessment Modification Proposal (Brian Finder) – was covered under the PRC Committee Report above.
- C. Alignment Self-review Committee (Forrest Schultz & Len Bogner) - It was agreed to place this item under “Committee Reports” and University Priorities under “Announcements” on the Agenda.
- D. Faculty Workload (Forrest Schultz) – The group agreed that this item should be removed from the Agenda until something further was submitted from PPC.
- E. Other

X. Adjournment – 3:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Hoel, Secretary

Recorded and prepared by,
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