

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 7, 2006
NORTHWOODS ROOM
2:30 – 4:30 P.M.

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, D. Parejko, G. Ruenger

EXCUSED: K. Martinson, B. Murphy

GUESTS: Chancellor Sorensen, J. Furst-Bowe

I. Call to Order – 2:35 p.m.

II. Announcements and Information – Chair Schlough announced that Chancellor Sorensen was recognized as Citizen of the Year by Menomonie’s Chamber of Commerce. He informed the group that the Faculty Senate had an open discussion where it was agreed that communication should be foremost and the Senate meetings should be an open forum where people can freely express their opinions. He asked that any issues or concerns by junior faculty members be emailed to him and Schultz, so they could be addressed.

III. Minutes of January 24, 2006 (Attachment 1)

Motion: Galloy/Parejko moved to approve the Minutes of January 24, 2006.

Correction: Parejko said that the word, “major,” should be replaced with the word, “requirements,” under VII. F, line 2, Committee Reports.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

IV. Chancellor’s Report – Chancellor Sorensen announced that UW System was providing an opportunity for campuses to apply for more FTE positions. These FTE would be one-time positions annually reviewed by System. Interim Provost Furst-Bowe was contacting other universities to see if they have graduate students interested in working at Stout for a year or two. The Chancellor also reported that System informed the campus that it needs to buy back one of two positions that it gave up within the last couple of years. He will share additional information when he finds out more.

Chair Schlough stated that he attended the Faculty Representatives Meeting on February 3 and the reps discussed the legislation whether or not to vote for collective bargaining. Also discussed was UWS 7, Procedures for Dismissal of Faculty in Special Cases (the process regarding the disciplinary action for serious criminal misconduct). This item will be placed on the February 14 Agenda, as the reps need to get feedback to System by April or May. Schlough stated that he would also place UW-Stout’s Facility Use Policy on the Agenda, as the Chancellor needs the Senate’s response by February 28.

V. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs’ Report – Interim Provost Furst-Bowe announced that the Board of Regents would meet later in the week, and there was a lot of activity going on around the campus.

Chancellor Sorensen reported that the UW campuses were trying to assemble businesses to sit on a round table to help lobby with UW System (as a result from a major survey on what people thought about the UW-System.) The Chancellor recently met with a Regent in Eau Claire and there seems to be much interest in this. Additionally, the process could raise private dollars for the lobbying effort to become a permanent organization.

**VI. Vice Chancellor for Administrative and Student Life Services' Report – no report.
2005 Governance Evaluation Report and Recommendations (Wendy Knutson; Attachment 2)**

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 that Joy would be sending out a committee “call for nominations” next week.
- D. Finance Committee (Bill Murphy) – no report. Meetings have been scheduled for the semester.
- E. Graduate Education Committee (Gene Ruenger) – Ruenger reported that GREC was doing fine.
- F. General Education (Ken Parejko) – Parejko reported that GEC would meet on February 17.
- G. Personnel Policies (Karen Martinson) - Steve read the PPC Report he had received from Martinson. PPC would meet on February 13 concerning definition of research. The committee was also recommending that the faculty in “Other” be included with SOE for representation on committee work. (There were only two people left in "Other" who would be affected: Jana Reeg-Steidinger and Mary Richards.) Chair Schlough asked that the department reps on the Senate remind their departments that they need to define their definition of research. Information from the Research Advisory Board could be used as a reference, as well as the Faculty Handbook, he noted. As long as departments define what is considered research in their respective areas, they will have met the purpose of the charge. Schlough added that this would be especially helpful when faculty are promoted. Chair Schlough also said that he sent all department chairs a notice regarding definition of research earlier in the year, and they need to have these included in their bylaws. Cole asked if anyone was monitoring if this was being done. Schlough replied that no one was currently. Galloy said that an effort was made a couple of years ago to have each department’s bylaws posted on the Faculty Senate website; it would still be a good goal to work toward. Schlough replied that every department has their bylaws on the web---if any department would like to view what others were doing, he recommended that the English & Philosophy Department had one that included much detail. He also stressed that it was each department’s responsibility to get this done; the Faculty Senate shouldn’t need to be “watchdog.”
- H. Planning & Review (Brian Finder) – Finder distributed the PRC Report and reported that that they were on schedule in reviewing this year’s programs, as well as finalizing the unfinished committee business from the previous academic year.
- I. Polytechnic Steering (Kirk Mauldin and Forrest Schultz) – Schultz reported that the group met a couple of times and formed a subcommittee that would develop a work plan. Members of this group include Kathleen Deery, Scott Springer, Kirk Mauldin, and Forrest Schultz. However, finding meeting times where they can all meet was a challenge. The group was also working on a spread matrix document that would help compare Stout to other universities.
- J. Other

VIII. Old Business

- 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. Revised Marshal Policy (Steve Schlough; Attachment 3) – Chair Schlough explained that the attachment was an information item. In 2004, the Faculty Senate passed a resolution

that people were elected as marshals until they retire or leave campus.

- B. **Governance at UW-Stout (Open Discussion) – UWS 7 – Chair Schlough said that this item would be placed on the February 14 Agenda and pertains to defining faculty/staff misconduct when committing serious crimes while they're employed. If a person was charged with a serious crime, the policy would provide him/her to be dismissed without pay.**

Schlough said that Stout's Facility Use Policy would also be placed on the February 14 Agenda.

Chair Schlough asked the group if they had heard of any additional governance concerns from their colleagues that needed to be addressed by the Faculty Senate. He reminded everyone that every department and college/school has representation on the Senate and these Senators could bring items in for discussion. However, all items must come through the Faculty Senate Executive Committee first, as this group finalizes each Faculty Senate's agenda.

- group C. **Other – Ken Parejko distributed the revised General Education Requirements to the and said that they need to be approved by the Faculty Senate. This item will be placed on the February 14 Agenda.**

X. **Adjournment – 3:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Hoel, Secretary

Recorded and prepared by,
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