

**NOTES FROM MEETING OF THE COMBINED SENATES  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STOUT  
MARCH 20, 2007  
BALLROOM C  
2:30-5:00 P.M.**

Dennis Shaw, Chair of the Senate of Academic Staff, welcomed everyone at 2:35 p.m.

- I. Chancellor's Report – No report.
- II. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs' Report – no report.
- III. Vice Chancellor for Administrative and Student Life Services' Report – Vice Chancellor Moen reported that the Wisconsin State Building Commission approved UW-Stout's \$5.1 million proposal to renovate the Harvey Hall Theatre. The renovation includes new seating, repairing the lighting, restoring the orchestra pit, replacing the sound system, and improving accessibility. The project next will go to the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee. At the same time, other revenue projects that will be occurring on campus in the next four-to-five years include Hovlid Hall, Jarvis Hall, and the Price Commons updates. Moen announced that there will be a 2.25% pay adjustment on April 1; however, faculty/staff won't see the adjustment until their May 1 paycheck.

Moen distributed a "GL vs. Target" handout to the group and noted that Stout's total academic fee revenue collected exclusively from tuition only was over \$35 million, as of March 2, 2007. Stout was required to collect \$35 million the total fiscal year, so this target has been met already. She explained that the fall semester brings in more revenue than spring semester. This year the variance is very tight at \$56,107. If the variance falls below \$56,000, Stout would be required to pay UW-System back. Additionally, Access to Learning has brought the campus \$1.78 million so far and is used to pay for supplemental instruction that students have asked for. Customized instruction has grown as well, at \$2.8 million. Moen concluded by saying that the State of Wisconsin passed a GI Bill that included tuition waivers for veterans and family members and Stout is waiving \$450,000 for tuition revenues. (Each campus will pay the first \$450,000 and the state will pay over this amount.)

- IV. ROTC Host Battalion Proposal (Colonel Scott Bolstad; Attachment 1) – Colonel Bolstad, UW-Stout's ROTC Program, explained that a host battalion status is given to schools that 1) have a large student population; 2) schools whose geographic location make them an ideal candidate; or 3) programs that have a record of demonstrated success and offer growth potential. Stout has been selected on reasons 2 and 3. A host battalion is the center of ROTC activities, has a larger presence of staff, and additional funding and human resources are normally afforded to the host university, which serves as the hub of activity for affiliated ROTC programs. The United States Army Cadet Command would like to establish a Host ROTC Battalion at Stout because Stout is centrally located between UW-Eau Claire and UW-River Falls. Furthermore, enrollment in the Stout's ROTC program has gone from 0 to 46 students (who are maintaining a 3.06 GPA) in only four semesters and has generated almost \$90,000 in both scholarships and tuition fees for the university, as well as \$56,000 in tuition money this year. In addition, the students have received over \$170,000 in additional funding because of the program, and this financial support will only grow as the program matures. ROTC is one of the fastest growing programs in the nation. Colonel Bolstad noted that students do very well in the Army—they prove to be hard-working, unpretentious, provide leadership skills, and possess good character and morals. The Army would provide all wages for the Department of Military Science personnel, as well as all equipment, clothing, and textbooks. Stout's commitment would only be to provide \$18,000 for services & supplies, one University Services Program Associate position, and additional office space. Bolstad concluded by saying that the ROTC program at UW-Stevens-Point provides over \$200,000 a year to the university in scholarships alone and brings 8-10 students to campus each year (including those from out-of-state).

- V. **Other Announcements & Information** – Chair Schultz explained that UW-Madison would be presenting on Domestic Partners to the Joint Finance Committee. He noted that the best way to lobby in favor of the issue would be to ask local businesses to send letters of support down to the Joint Finance Committee in Madison, as well speaking to their local legislators.

**MINUTES  
FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
MARCH 20, 2007  
BALLROOM C – (Following Meeting of the Combined Senates)**

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

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

**PRESENT:** P. Calenberg, K. Carlson, K. Doll, J. Dzissah, B. Flom, P. Ghenciu, R. Howarton, A. Kirby, C. Rohrer, L. Stradins, J. Taylor, R. Teleb, S. Terry, J. Watts

**EXCUSED:** T. Allen, B. Anderson, B. Bergquist, T. Brantmeier, S. Cole, T. Karris, K. McDonald, M. Miller-Rodeberg, G. Neidermyer, S. Nold, R. Qalyoubi-Kemp, A. Scott, G. Wheeler

**GUESTS:** W. Argo, D. Mell, S. Bolstad, G. Ruenger

- I. **Call to Order** – 2:55 p.m.
- II. **Announcements and Information** – Chair Schultz announced that the Board of Regents have officially designated UW-Stout as a Polytechnic University and encouraged Senators to go to Stout’s Homepage on the web to see one of Stout’s first advertisements as Wisconsin’s Polytechnic University. Chair Schultz noted that the Polytechnic Steering Committee would continue to meet to help shape the polytechnic branding for the future. Mell added that the steering committee would be meeting with the marketing committee to ensure that this brand or label will be part of Stout’s culture and be used to inform people of what the campus does.
- III. **Minutes of February 27, 2007** (Attachment 2)
- Motion:** Bogner/Schlough moved to approve the Minutes of February 27, 2007.
- Vote:** Passed unanimously.
- IV. **Committee Reports**
- A. **Alignment Committee** – Vice Chair Bogner explained that a list of principles was developed from a brainstorming session when the Faculty Senate met on February 27. The Alignment Committee is scheduled to meet with Provost Furst-Bowe on April 5 to examine these principles that will be incorporated into the alignment process on campus. Bogner noted that he would report the results of the meeting at the next Senate Meeting.
- B. **University Priorities** – Senator Carlson explained that the group will meet this week to analyze information received from all surveys and data collection methods. She noted that the Senate was setting the groundwork for next year, even if the response rate was not as great as expected for this year.
- V. **Old Business**
- A. **Other**

VI. New Business

- A. Approve Petre Ghenciu and Byron Anderson to serve on PRC –Chair Schultz explained that PRC needed more Faculty Senate representatives; Ghenciu and Anderson volunteered to serve.

Motion: Bogner/Teleb moved to approve Petre Ghenciu and Byron Anderson to serve as the Faculty Senate representatives on the Planning and Review Committee (PRC).

Vote: Passed unanimously.

- B. WS Policy Proposal (Barb Flom; Attachment 3) – Flom explained that the School of Education asked EAC to examine the WS Policy. Discussion focused on the differences between using a “W”, “WU” and “WS” on students’ transcripts. Flom asked Senators to bring the proposal to their departments for feedback. Chair Schultz noted that this item would be voted on at the next Faculty Senate Meeting.

- C. Proposed Changes to Graduate Policies Exceptions to the Load Limit Policy (Gene Ruenger; Attachment 4) – Ruenger explained that a policy change was made last year and brought to the Faculty Senate. The proposed document had been revised after concerns were raised by Senators. However, the actual policy remains the same, he noted.

Motion: Schlough/Taylor moved to approve the Proposed Changes to the Graduate Policies Exceptions to the Load Limit Policy.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

- D. ROTC Host Battalion Proposal (Forrest Schultz) – Chair Schultz explained that the Chancellor brought the information to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee asking for Senate support. Terry asked about the student scholarship dollars and if it was a four-year program. Colonel Bolstad replied that the scholarships cover both in-state and out-of-state students, were for two-to-four years in length depending on experience, and beginning freshmen would receive full four-year scholarships. ROTC also provides students \$450 per semester to purchase their books, and limited stipends are also given (\$300 for freshmen; \$350 for sophomores; \$400 for juniors; and \$450 for seniors). Schultz asked about retention standards. Colonel Bolstad replied that he retains 50% of all students that try the program, and 90% stay in school. Carlson asked about student requirements needed to enroll in the program. Bolstad replied that students need at least a 2.5 GPA (with an optimal 3.0 GPA) to get in, and ACT scores should be at least 19 (with an optimal score of 23). Additionally, scholarships would continue to be given until UW-Stevens Point tells him to stop. Colonel Bolstad noted that he wasn’t recruiting at all currently, as he didn’t have enough manpower to teach the potential yet, but the program could easily have 140 students enrolled in the future if Stout hosted the Battalion. In conclusion, he said that the Army looks for three things in their students: scholars, athletes, and leaders. Hoel said that she agreed that the ROTC students add value to classes and were good students, and suggested for professors to invite Colonel Bolstad to their classes to speak on leadership issues. Chair Schultz noted that he spoke with the Provost and there definitely would be a net gain to Stout; however, the biggest concern would be finding adequate space on campus.

Motion: Terry/Hoel moved to approve the ROTC Host Battalion Proposal.

Flom asked that this item be tabled to allow Senators to get feedback from their constituents.

Motion Withdrawn: Terry/Hoel withdrew their Motion:

Motion to Table: Bogner/Kirby moved to TABLE the ROTC Host Battalion Proposal until the Faculty Senate Meeting of April 10, 2007.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

- E. Other

**VII. Adjournment -3:45 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Hoel, Secretary**

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