

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
APRIL 18, 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. Parejko, G. Ruenger,

EXCUSED: K. Martinson, K. Mauldin, B. Murphy

GUESTS: Chancellor Sorensen, Interim Provost Furst-Bowe

I. Call to Order 2:35 p.m.

II. Announcements and Information

III. Minutes of April 4, 2006 (Attachment 1)

Motion: Galloy/Parejko moved to approve the Minutes of April 4, 2006.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

IV. Chancellor's Report - Chancellor Sorensen announced that the UW-Stout and UW-Eau Claire joint DIN request was revised to include the Entitlement to Plan the B.S. in Electrical/Computer Engineering and the Entitlement to Plan the B.S. in Polymer Engineering degrees.

V. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs' Report - none.

VI. Vice Chancellor for Administrative and Student Life Services' Report – none.

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) – Albrecht reported that EAC should finish the last three reports for the next Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting.

C. Elections (Forrest Schultz) – Schultz reported that the Polytechnic Surveys are due to the Senate Office on April 20, the University Committee ballots are due on April 21, and all will be tallied and counted on April 24.

D. Finance Committee (Gene Ruenger) – no report.

E. Graduate Education Committee (Gene Ruenger)

F. General Education (Ken Parejko) – Parejko reported that GEC continues its review of the General Education curriculum. At their April meeting, GEC created a Mission Statement for General Education at Stout, which will be brought to the Faculty Senate at an early fall meeting (special thanks to Jerry Kapus.) The committee discussed how to continue these discussions into next year's meetings, when it will focus on category criteria, improving communication with program directors, and overall raising the profile of the General Education curriculum with faculty, program directors, and students.

G. Personnel Policies (Karen Martinson) – Schlough said there were two items under New Business.

- H. **Planning & Review (Brian Finder) – Finder distributed his report to the group and said PRC met on April 7 to review five programs and will meet again on April 21 to review three more. The committee is discussing the possibility of reviewing the Honors Program and various forms of course delivery systems that are being utilized, and is planning to revise its survey instruments to reflect such practices for implementation next fall.**
- I. **Other – Schlough reminded the group that there was only one Executive Committee left for the semester.**

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 – Schlough announced that the survey results will be announced at the April 25 Faculty Senate Meeting and that the Senate needs to make a recommendation to the Chancellor on May 9. The Senate has been dealing with the issue since October 18, he noted, and the topic needs closure.**

IX. New Business

- A. **2006-2007 Promotion Procedures Events & Timetable (Karen Martinson; Attachment 2)**

Motion: Koepke/Cole moved to place the 2006-2007 Promotion Procedures Events & Timetable on the April 25 Faculty Senate Agenda.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

- B. **Sabbatical Application Timeline 2006-2007 for 2007-2008 and Cover Sheets for Sabbatical Appointment Application 2006-2007 for 2007-2008 (Karen Martinson; Attachment 3)**

Motion: Cole/Galloy moved to place the Sabbatical Application Timeline 2006-2007 for 2007-2008 and Cover Sheets for Sabbatical Appointment Application 2006-2007 for 2007-2008 on the April 25 Faculty Senate Agenda.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

- C. **Graduate Policies Load Limit (Gene Ruenger; Attachment 4) – Ruenger explained that the limit will help simplify the system for the summer circumstances. Albrecht said that the word, “weeks,” should be changed to the word, “credits” in the second line.**

Motion: Ruenger/Albrecht moved to place the revised Graduate Policies Load Limit on the April 25 Faculty Senate Agenda.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

- D. **B. S. in Manufacturing Engineering (Brian Finder; Attachment 5)**

Motion: Koepke/Finder moved to place the B.S. in Manufacturing Engineering on the April 25 Faculty Senate Agenda.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

- E. **Entitlement to Plan B.S. in Electrical/Computer Engineering (Brian Finder; Attachment 6)**

Motion: Galloy/Ruenger moved to place the Entitlement to Plan the B.S. in Electrical/Computer Engineering on the April 25 Faculty Senate

Agenda.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

F. Entitlement to Plan B.S. in Polymer Engineering (Brian Finder; Attachment 7)

Motion: Galloy/Dzissah moved to place the Entitlement to Plan the B.S. in Polymer Engineering on the April 25 Faculty Senate Agenda.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

G. Benchmarks (Steve Schlough) – Schlough explained that this topic was an outgrowth of the discussion from the last Faculty Senate Meeting regarding the NSSE Report, and Senators questioned where benchmarks came from. Schlough said all Senators should have received an e-mail from Meridith Wentz concerning what data she used for benchmarks regarding she uses. Stout’s peer programs. Schlough explained that she has three groups of benchmarks that Schlough asked Furst-Bowe about assessment comparisons. She replied that institutions seem to give better comparisons, as the peers are based on similar It was agreed that this item didn’t need to go forward on the April 25 Agenda.

H. Salary (Steve Schlough – Schlough explained that this item was also discussed at the April 11 Faculty Senate Meeting, where the Chancellor was asked to go down to Madison and lobby for higher faculty salaries at Stout. Schlough said that any UW-System school could grab the data and justify for its raises. However, the real battle lies outside of the UW-System with the legislators. Chancellor Sorensen agreed and said that he spoke with Representative Ron Kreibich and Senator Harsdorf regarding salary concerns—they listened, but there is no money. The Union settled for a 4.2% increase that would probably ripple to the Unclassified Staff. Schlough added that better results would be achieved if the students, parents, and business owners could contact the legislators, as they count individual concerns. There also is no sympathy with the public, as they feel we’re overpaid as it is. (The average salary in Dunn County is \$22,000.) There is not one Chancellor in the UW-System that doesn’t work hard to lobby for faculty/staff raises, Schlough concluded. General consensus of the committee was not to bring this item forward on April 25.

I. Other – Galloy questioned the new Grade Change Policy and said that he felt like it was a step backward. Specifically, he noted his concern when forms needed to be delivered in person vs. electronically. Interim Provost Furst-Bowe said that she would follow-up with Jeff Kirschling and get back to the Executive Committee.

X. Adjournment – 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Hoel, Secretary

Recorded and prepared by,
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