

NOTES FROM MEETING OF THE COMBINED SENATES
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STOUT
APRIL 25, 2006
GLASS LOUNGE
2:30 P.M.

Steve Schlough, Faculty Senate Chair, opened the meeting at 2:31 p.m.

- I. Chancellor's Report - no report.
- II. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs' Report - Vi Jones, Senate of Academic Staff Chair, asked Schlough the status of Stout's enrollment. Schlough replied that there were currently 1425 freshmen enrolled at Stout for the fall. Schlough asked Furst-Bowe if enrollment was open to anyone, or if there were more restrictions placed on the admission forms. Interim Provost Furst-Bowe replied that enrollment this year was stricter in the past; however, the campus was still receiving approximately 75 applications per week. Peters asked if students were going to more two-year schools in order to get their General Education requirements completed rather than attending a four-year campus. Furst-Bowe said that the statistics show that more students were transferring from four-year campuses to two-year, as well as transferring from the two-year schools to the four-year ones than ever before. Part of the reason is the cost and the fact that students are undecided what they want to do. Additionally, more two-year campuses are offering college parallel degrees.
- III. Vice Chancellor for Administrative and Student Life Services' Report – Vice Chancellor Moen distributed two handouts to the group. Wayne Argo introduced Cally Henderson as the new Assistant Director of Human Resources. Argo then reported on the “University of Wisconsin System Policy Guidance on Criminal Conviction Check Practices,” and explained that it's purpose is to identify specific types of university jobs for which criminal conviction checks are either required or should be considered, and to present additional issues for consideration when institutional officials seek to modify or expand their existing criminal conviction check practices. Argo said that criminal background checks are required for day care workers and other caregiver employees; law enforcement and security workers; positions with access to funds or with fiduciary responsibilities; positions with access to hazardous agents or materials; housing and residence life staff; and master key holders. The policy offers guidance on implementing criminal conviction checks as well. Argo asked the Senate to send any comments or concerns regarding the policy to him as soon as possible. Allen said that one concern could be that the process could delay the hiring process. Argo agreed. Argo also reported on the “Student Minimum Wage Rates Recommendation” and explained that the minimum wage rate will increase from \$5.70 per hour to \$6.50 per hour effective June 1, 2006. Additionally, there will be only one salary range to fit work study and state payroll duties and responsibilities which could help simplify the process in departments.

Vi Jones, Senate of Academic Staff Chair, announced that Margaret Lewis (UW-System's Associate Vice President for Government Relations) would attend the May 9 Meeting of the Combined Senates for a question and answer period. She asked that all Senators forward any questions to her or Schlough ahead of time.

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE
APRIL 25, 2006
GLASS LOUNGE – (Following Administrative Briefing)

ATTENDANCE:

CHAIR: Steve Schlough
VICE CHAIR: Forrest Schultz

SECRETARY: Anne Hoel
PAST CHAIR: Mike Galloy

PRESENT: T. Allen, C. Bendel, T. Bensen, P. Calenberg, S. Cole, M. Decker, G. Earl, B. Flom, P. Ghenciu, R. Howarton, L. Koepke, K. Mauldin, K. McDonald, S. Nold, M. Ondrus, B. Peters, J. Pejsa (for A. Scott), S. Terry, K. Thomas, N. Weckmueller

EXCUSED: B. Anderson, B. Bergquist, T. Brantmeier, K. Carlson, J. Dzissah, W. Haid, E. Hughes, R. Teleb

GUEST: Interim Provost J. Furst-Bowe

- I. Call to Order – 3:03 p.m.

II. Announcements and Information

III. Minutes of April 11, 2006 (Attachment 1)

Motion: Mauldin/Koepke moved to approve the Minutes of April 11, 2006.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Planning and Review Committee (Brian Finder; Attachment 2) – Chair Schlough said that the report was for information only.

B. Other – Forrest Schultz, Election Committee Chair, announced the following results of the Polytechnic Surveys that were counted on April 24:

- 200 - Surveys received by Senate Office from a total of 273 surveys sent out to all faculty
- 86 - UW-Stout should adopt the polytechnic designation
- 92 - UW-Stout should not adopt the polytechnic designation
- 20 - No opinion; pro or con
- 2 - Unclear

V. Old Business

A. Polytechnic Designation (tabled from October 18 Faculty Senate Meeting for more input) – Peters asked Schlough if the James Tower Report would be available by May 9 to help the Senate make its recommendation to the Chancellor. Schlough replied that it won't be completed until June; however, he explained that it was the only missing piece of information. The Senate of Academic Staff endorsed the designation and the SSA chose not to do anything. Terry suggested that the 1600 students going through orientation also be surveyed. Schlough stated that if the Faculty Senate didn't make a decision by the end of the school year, the item would not be carried over, as it would lose momentum. Allen said that there was good evidence that students associated the term, "polytechnic," with technical colleges. The campus has gone through major budget cuts due to student enrollment shortfalls, and students might be turned off by a label they don't understand correctly, he concluded.

Motion: Allen/Mauldin moved to remove Item B under Old Business from the table for more discussion.

Vote by show of hands: Passed by majority vote.

Motion: Calenberg/Decker moved to take the item off of the table and vote on it.

Vote by show of hands: Passed by majority vote (15 for; 5 opposed; and 1 abstention).

Lively discussion ensued. Decker asked Senators to please not try to influence each other during the discussion, as each has probably surveyed their constituents and know how they wanted to vote. Peters said he was not prepared to vote as he told his peers that May 9 was the date agreed upon by the Faculty Senate and was established in the Polytechnic Timeline. Additionally, it was still a discussion item in his departmental meetings. Galloy agreed and reminded everyone that the Faculty Senate voted on the Timeline and needed to abide by it.

Motion: Peters/Galloy moved to table voting on the Polytechnic designation until May 9.

Vote: Passed by majority vote (16 for; 2 opposed).

B. Faculty Senate Continues to Engage in Polytechnic Discussion (Motion from Faculty Senate Meeting of November 29, 2005)

C. Other

VI. New Business – Chair Schlough explained that a "Consent Agenda" could be used for the items below and Senators could vote for everything as one unit (if there was no discussion). If something was more controversial, then it could be pulled from the group and discussed separately. He asked Senators to consider this process for next year.

A. Confirm Donna Albrecht as Assistant Marshal (Steve Schlough)

Motion: Peters/Bensen moved to confirm Donna Albrecht as an Assistant Marshal.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

B. 2006-2007 Promotion Procedures Events & Timetable (Karen Martinson; Attachment 3)

Motion: Koepke/Peters moved to approve the 2006-2007 Promotion Procedures Events & Timetable.

Allen asked if there were any changes from last year. Decker replied that PPC only changed the dates to conform with this year's calendar.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

C. Sabbatical Application Timeline 2006-2007 for 2007-2008 and Cover Sheets for Sabbatical Appointment Application 2006-2007 for 2007-2008 (Karen Martinson; Attachment 4)

Motion: Terry/Howarton moved to approve the Sabbatical Application Timeline 2006-2007 for 2007-2008 and Cover Sheets for Sabbatical Appointment Application 2006-2007 for 2007-2008.

McDonald explained that there was one minor change on the application form that revised the wording for the split assignment note.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

D. Graduate Policies Load Limit (Gene Ruenger; Attachment 5)

Motion: Flom/Peters moved to approve the Graduate Policies Load Limit.

Peters asked the group what would happen if the program director approved the overload, but the coordinator for graduate studies disapproved? Flom replied that it was a valid question—the dilemma could go to the Exceptions Committee. However, this revision was only an attempt to streamline the process. Discussion ensued concerning rationale and screening overload requests. Allen suggested having the program director determine this and for the committee to only provide oversight and guidelines on how the process would work.

Motion to Table: Peters/Bensen moved to table this item until the Senate could receive more information/clarification.

Vote: Passed.

E. B. S. in Manufacturing Engineering (Brian Finder; Attachment 6)

Motion: Mauldin/Peters moved to approve the B. S. in Manufacturing Engineering.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

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

Motion: Ghenciu/Weckmueller moved to endorse the Entitlement to Plan B.S. in Electrical/Computer Engineering.

Allen asked Furst-Bowe if there were messages or signals from other campuses for Stout to have more diversification in their programs. Furst-Bowe explained that once the Entitlement to Plan was endorsed, it would be sent to other campuses for comment. UW-System wants campuses to grow in new programs; however, they wouldn't be in the biennial budget cycle until 2007-2009. Once titled, they would be good for five years (this process would be similar to a DIN request). Koepke asked where the new dollars would come from to fund the new engineering programs. Furst-Bowe replied that they would follow the DIN process for state dollars; however, funding

could also come through fund raising and/or reallocating, but the details weren't worked out yet. Weckmueller noted that this could be a task for the Senate's Finance Committee to take an active role and help determine how this could be financed and noted that the Manufacturing Engineering Program was funded through reallocation. He also urged the Senate to keep the committee active, so it could analyze issues such as this and help keep the Senate informed as to where the funding would come from. Terry asked if UW-Platteville was competing for the same students that these programs would bring to Stout. Schultz replied that he didn't think so, but the bigger issue was that the programs would be an investment for Stout's future. Furst-Bowe reminded everyone that the Senate would only be endorsing the programs' Entitlement to Plan. When they come back, the Senate would have another opportunity to review and approve them before they were sent down to the Board of Regents for the final approval. Weckmueller cautioned that it would be a much more difficult process to shut them down later. However, he added that he supported the new programs.

Vote: Passed with 1 Abstention.

G. Entitlement to Plan B.S. in Polymer Engineering (Brian Finder; Attachment 8)

Motion: Bensen/Galloy moved to endorse the Entitlement to Plan B.S. in Polymer Engineering.

Vote: Passed with 1 Abstention.

H. Other

VII. Adjournment – 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Hoel, Secretary

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