

NOTES FROM MEETING OF THE COMBINED SENATES
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STOUT
SEPTEMBER 5, 2006
GLASS LOUNGE
2:30 P.M.

Dennis Shaw, Chair of the Senate of Academic Staff, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone at 2:30 p.m.

I. Chancellor's Report - Chancellor Sorensen welcomed Senators back to a good year and noted that 1538 freshmen were enrolled for the coming year. In August, the UW Regents held two meetings and passed the campus' budgets. Stout is asking for a \$3 million joint DIN with UW Eau Claire for computer, engineering, science, and math programs. Stout's polytechnic designation is moving ahead and we're starting to lobby with companies to talk about who and what we are at Stout. The companies are very impressed by our Stout graduates, who are ready to work and make money for them. The campus additionally has a strong endorsement from every company. Stout representatives will revise the White Paper as a result of last year's input. The Chancellor talked to the Regents and System about this, and a presentation will be made for the Board at some time in the future. Stout has allocated 296 faculty lines; however, only 258 are filled. We plan to begin the process now to rebuild the faculty lines (not academic staff lines). The Chancellor said he was excited and looking forward to a positive year ahead.

II. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs' Report – Provost Furst-Bowe reported that of the 1538 registered freshman, 600 were transfer students. Searches will be held for two key retirements—Judy Jax, Dean for the School of Education, will retire in December, and Pinckney Hall, Dean of Students, who retired earlier in September. Senate representatives will be needed for the SOE Dean Search Committee. Provost Furst-Bowe has appointed Joan Thomas as Interim Dean of Student Services.

III. Vice Chancellor for Administrative and Student Life Services' Report – Vice Chancellor Moen thanked all the people who took part in the past weekend's move-in day (approximately 800 people). Approximately 2300 students (3/4 of them) moved in on Sunday alone. The biggest capital project the campus has forthcoming is the \$35 million Jarvis Hall one, which will add more than 70,000 square feet to its building. However, Stout is still waiting for the state facilities office to issue the bid (hopefully in the summer of 2008) and interview the architect. It is hoped that the project will be completed by 2011. Moen reported that the digging around campus was for the new central chiller project, which will connect all buildings to chiller loops and be a much more efficient system for Stout's Power Plant. Hopefully this project will be finished by next summer. The Administration Building will have its heating and ventilation systems replaced next spring, requiring all the building's occupants to move out for approximately six months. Moen's office will relocate to the Common's storage room and the Chancellor's Office will relocate to the radio station. All moves will happen during Spring Break. Lucy Nicolai has been appointed the Interim Director of University Centers (replacing Bill Siedlecki who retired), and Joe Krier has been appointed Interim Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Life Services (replacing Bob Johnson, who also retired). Harvey Hall's Theatre is still on the 2007-09 capital project list under all agent funding. The campus has been working on getting this project approved for the past twelve years or more.

IV. Holistic Freshman Admission Policy (Cynthia Gilberts; Attachment 1) - Cynthia Gilberts, Director of Admissions/School Relations, stated that the campus is on a very tight timeline and gave a brief background on the policy. In June, 2005, System President Kevin Reilly asked all Chancellors to review their programs holistically. Holistic review means that in addition to academic performance, other areas will be considered. The proponents believe it will help some students who have not been previously looked at. Each campus was asked to compile a working group to examine a Holistic Freshman Admissions Policy. Gilberts distributed a revised draft to Senators, requesting Faculty Senate review and approval by October 1.

V. UW-Stout Policy #76-2 – Protection of Human Subjects (Sue Foxwell and Meridith Wentz; Attachment 2) - Meridith Wentz, Director of Budget, Planning and Analysis, asked that this policy also be approved by October 1 and gave an overview of the changes, indicating that most were made in the appendices. She encouraged Senators to call her with any questions.

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2006
GLASS LOUNGE – (Following Meeting of the Combined Senates)

ATTENDANCE:

CHAIR: Forrest Schultz
VICE CHAIR: Steve Schlough (interim)

SECRETARY: Anne Hoel
PAST CHAIR: Steve Schlough

PRESENT: B. Anderson, B. Bergquist, L. Bogner, T. Brantmeier, P. Calenberg, K. Carlson, J. Champe, S. Cole, K. Doll, J. Dzissah, B. Flom, P. Ghenciu, R. Howarton, T. Karis, A. Kirby, L. Koepke, M. Miller-Rodeberg, G. Neidermyer, S. Nold, A. Scott, L. Stradins, J. Taylor, R. Teleb, J. Watts, J. Weissenburger, K. Zagorski

ORIENTATION FOR NEW SENATORS

- I. Open Meeting Orientation for New Senators – by Chair Schultz
- II. Senate Structure, Simplified Parliamentary Procedure (from “Roberts Rules of Order”), Open Meeting Law, Responsibilities, etc. (Attachments 3 & 4) – Chair Schultz explained that the Senate meetings follow the Open Meeting Law and “Roberts Rules of Order.” He said that he would like the Faculty Senate to be as efficient and effective it can for the coming year.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING.

- I. Call to Order - Past Chair Schlough gave Schultz the gavel as a symbol of him taking over the Chair’s position, and opened the meeting at 3:05 p.m. Chair Schultz then presented Schlough a plaque thanking him for serving as Faculty Senate Chair for 2005-2006. Schlough said that it was a real pleasure to serve as Senate Chair, as the Senate is the only faculty voice Stout has. However, he added that the Senate still needed someone to run for Vice Chair. Schlough asked that Senators consider agenda items for the good of the university as a whole in order to get more accomplished and to also focus on being more proactive, rather than reactive to issues.
- II. Announcements
 - A. Introductions of New Senators (Forrest Schultz, Chair; Steve Schlough, Past Chair; Anne Hoel, Secretary; Alec Kirby, CAS Rep; Jackie Weissenburger, SOE Rep; Len Bogner, CTEM Rep; Julianne Taylor, At-Large Rep; Julie Watts, English & Philosophy Rep; Petre Ghenciu, Mathematics, Statistics, & Computer Science Rep., Kim Zagorski, Social Sciences Rep., Marcia Miller-Rodeberg, Chemistry Rep., Julie Champe, Rehabilitation and Counseling Rep., Gindy Neidermyer, ACT Rep., Terri Karis, Psychology Rep., and Linards Stradins, Engineering & Technology Rep.
 - B. Faculty Senate Resolutions Passed in 2005-2006 (Attachment 5)
 - C. Faculty Senate Meetings for 2006-2007 Attachment 6) – Chair Schultz asked Senators to please be aware of the meeting locations, as they will be moving from place to place this year.
 - D. Faculty Senate Membership for 2006-2007 (Attachment 7) - Please let Joy (x1789) know if there are corrections.
 - E. Sabbatical Quotas for 2006-2007 (Attachment 8)
 - F. Other
 1. Faculty Reps and Board of Regents Meetings, August 2, 2006 – Chair Schultz explained that each campus has a faculty representative who attends monthly meetings in Madison. The representatives receive input from other campuses, as well as an opportunity to know the other campus Faculty Senate Chairs and how the other campuses operate. Stout is unique for its Morale Survey and the Deans/Administrator Evaluations that it administers and has one of the finest governance structures in the System. Schultz noted that many DIN proposals have been submitted to the Board of Regents; however, the La Crosse initiative could affect all the campuses.
- III. Minutes of May 9, 2006 (Attachment 9)
Motion: Koepke/Howarton moved to approve the Minutes of May 9, 2006.
Vote: Passed unanimously.
- IV. Electronic Distribution (Forrest Schultz) – Chair Schultz said that the electronic distribution process used for agendas and attachments were gradually phased in, beginning when Mike Galloy served as Faculty Senate Chair. This year, all packet material will be distributed electronically.
- V. Confirm Anne Hoel to serve as the Faculty Senate Secretary for 2006-2007
Motion: Bogner/Scott moved to confirm Anne Hoel as the faculty Senate Secretary for 2006-2007.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

**VI. Election of Faculty Senate Rep to serve on the SOE Dean Search Committee (Attachment 10)
Flom/Schlough nominated Julie Taylor.**

Motion: Koepke/Hoel moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Julie Taylor to serve on the SOE Dean Search Committee.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

Chair Schultz stated that he would like updates from Senate representatives who serve on various committees periodically.

VII. Approve more Members to Serve on the Positive Action Committee, if needed (members would be Forrest Schultz, Steve Schlough, and Anne Hoel) – Past Chair Schlough explained that there have been membership issues for this committee. Wayne Argo had rotated through all the members and then lost some members; however, we now need to submit more names to Argo in order to help avoid further delay with the process’ timeline.

Motion: Anderson/Koepke moved to approve Forrest Schultz, Steve Schlough, and Anne Hoel to serve on the Positive Action Committee.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

VIII. Election of 2 Faculty Senate Reps to serve on the Strategic Planning Group (SPG) The 5 reps are filled by the Faculty Senate Chair, Vice Chair, Past Chair, and 2 at-large Senators. Chair Schultz explained that this group used to be called the Strategic Planning Committee. It meets during the school year to collect, and analyze data regarding the university priorities and action plans. Hoel added that she found the summer retreat very productive, gives faculty an opportunity to have a voice on important topics, is time well spent, and gives one an opportunity to get to know the administrators, as well as his/her peers. Howarton agreed and encouraged anyone who wanted to learn how the university functions to join the group.

Motion: Schlough/Hoel moved to nominate Renee Howarton and Katrina Carlson as the 2 At-Large Senators on the Strategic Planning Group for 2006-2007.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

IX. Election of Members to Faculty Senate Election Committee (Members are Faculty Senate Vice Chair, 2 Senators, and 2 non-Senators that are faculty) - Radi Teleb volunteered to serve and Bogner/Ghenciu nominated Alan Scott. Chris Bendel said he would be willing to serve as a Non-senator this year. Schlough will also contact Amy Gillett, who served as a Non-senator last year to see if she’s willing to serve again.

Motion: Bogner/Ghenciu moved to approve Radi Teleb, Alan Scott, Chris Bendel, and Amy Gillett as members of the Faculty Senate Election Committee for 2006-2007.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

X. Election of College Reps and Alternates from CTEM, CAS, CHD, and SOE to serve on the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (Elected by members of each College/School) – Each college/school caucused and appointed the following representatives and alternates to serve on the Executive Committee:

CAS – Julie Watts, representative, and Kim Zagorski, alternate.
CTEM - Len Bogner, representative, and John Dzissah, alternate.

SOE – Barb Flom, representative, and Julie Taylor, alternate.
CHD – Kevin Doll, representative, and Julia Champe, alternate.

XI. Election of Senators to Standing and Other Committees - Nominations will be taken at the time of the election.

A. Personnel Policies Committee: 2 Senators. (1 for 1-year; and 1 for 3-years.) Must be from the Faculty Senate. Byron Anderson gave an overview of the tasks of PPC. Petre Ghenciu volunteered to serve the 1-year term and Marcia Miller-Rodeberg volunteered to serve the 3-year term.

Motion: Teleb/Anderson moved to approve Petre Ghenciu to serve the 1-year term.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

Motion: Zagorski/Teleb moved to approve Marcia Miller-Rodeberg to serve the 3-year term.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

B. Digital Governance Committee: 1 Senator needed for 1-year term.

Schlough explained that this group was chaired by Michael Martin and met twice last year. Barb Button also serves on this committee and they worked on the Senate web page that includes links to other offices on campus. Radi Teleb volunteered to serve.

Motion: Schlough/Ghenciu moved to approve Radi Teleb to serve on the Digital Governance Committee for a 1-year term.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

XII. Announcement of Election Results

XIII. UWS-7 Information and Joint Resolution (Schultz – For Information: Attachments 11 & 12) - Chair Schultz explained that this item came through Senate last year and Attachment 11 was the most recent policy and was for information; Attachment 12 was part of a joint resolution that's designed for the faculty of the UW System and will be voted on during the September 19 Faculty Senate Meeting. Schultz noted that it was possible for a campus to NOT support the resolution.

IVX. Holistic Freshman Admission Policy (from Meeting of the Combined Senates above) – Chair Schultz said that the Senate must respond to this item by October 1 and encouraged Senators to distribute it to their constituents.

XV. UW-Stout Policy #76-2 – Protection of Human Subjects (from Meeting of the Combined Senates above) Chair Schultz stated this item also needs to be voted on during the September 19 Senate Meeting and asked Senators to obtain their constituents' feedback.

XVI. Other

A. Chair Schultz explained that he and the Provost's Office hosted a "Department Chair Workshop" during Opening Activities Week, and all department chairs were invited to attend. He noted that it was a very positive meeting, all but two chairs attended, and they plan on continuing the roundtable discussions during the coming year. Additionally, many of the new chairs appreciated the opportunity to meet, share concerns, and gather new ideas.

B. Polytechnic - Chair Schultz explained that a Communication Team, headed by himself, will help inform people where we're headed as a campus. Feedback will continue to be gathered and strategies searched. If anyone is interested in becoming part of this Team, please let Schultz know.

XVI. Adjournment – 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Hoel, Secretary

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