

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STOUT

SENATE OF THE ACADEMIC STAFF

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 26, 2008

The Senate of Academic Staff met on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 2:30pm in the Maplewood/Oakwood Room of the Memorial Student Center.

Chair: Dennis Shaw

Recorder: L. Lugo (Substitute for R. Muza, Senate Secretary)

Present: Jerry Addie, Wayne Argo, Wendy Knutson John Lui, Lelah Lugo, Doug Mell, Debra Mosey, Amy Riddle-Swanson, Heidi Rabeneck, Jennifer Rudiger, and Lesley Voight,

Guests: Chancellor Sorenson, Provost Furst-Bowe, Vice Chancellor Moen, Doug Wahl, Phil Lyons, Paul Roberts, Lisa Walter

Absent: Tracey DeRusha (excused), Bhaskar Gaddam (excused), Damian Hanft, Jeff Kirschling, Amy McGovern, and Sheri Yadgir (excused).

1. Chair Dennis Shaw called the meeting to order at 2:30pm.
2. Chancellor's Report – Charles Sorenson
  - Chancellor Sorenson reported on the revised travel guidelines that have been implemented because of the State of Wisconsin budget shortfall. He stated that UW-Stout faculty and staff could travel to surrounding states (I.e. Minnesota and Illinois) with approval. For other travel it will depend on where. Division Administrators will decide where and who may travel.
  - The Chancellor also reminded Senators of the Budget Forums that have been scheduled. The second one is scheduled on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> in the Glass Lounge, Price Commons at 8:20am.
3. Provost/Vice-Chancellor of Academic Affairs Report – Julie Furst-Bowe
  - Provost Furst-Bowe reported that enrollment is approximately the same as last year.
  - She also reported that the Dean of Students Search and Screen is concluding and the Dean of Stem search is open for applications for the next several weeks..
  - She related that the engineering degree program proposals have been forwarded to the Board of Regents for review.
  - The Provost also mentioned that the Chancellor has signed an agreement with UW-Green Bay and Northeast Wisconsin Technical College to provide the ability to complete the undergraduate Manufacturing Engineering program from UW-Stout. A grant has been submitted to provide coursework in Green Bay and Wausau.

- Also mentioned was the grant proposal that Dan Riordan and Jane Henderson are working on for the Center of Interdisciplinary Studies.
  - The Wisconsin DINs for UW-System may be delayed because of the budget shortfall.
  - Stout has gotten an endowed chair position for the Engineering program.
  - Bob Meyer has been offered the president's position at WFTC.
4. Vice-Chancellor for Administration and Student Life Services Report – Diane Moen
- Vice-Chancellor Moen reported on the following projects.
    - Jarvis Hall remodel/addition - related that the whole project can be bid to one contractor.
    - Price Commons renovation has been approved for \$3 million.
    - Preplanning for the Memorial Student Center is now with the architects.
  - The budget shortfall amounts to a \$30 million cut over the next two years (biennium) for UW-System. UW-Stout will cut \$800,000 this year.
  - The One-Minute Survey of Faculty and Staff is being revised this year and the new survey will be on climate assessment and job satisfaction. It will be distributed after Spring Break.
  - Student housing contracts are a little over the 2007 level at this time last year.
  - Learning Communities have been expanded to include sustainability and global travel.
5. Campus Security Issues Report – Lisa Walter, UW-Stout Police
- A memo on student behavior developed by the Students of Concern Team, will be sent out to all staff and faculty at the beginning of Fall semester. The Students of Concern Team will be submitting their report soon.
  - On Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> a forum was held for faculty and staff on student behavior and safety issues.
6. Stout Governance Survey Report – Wendy Knutson
- Ms. Knutson reported that the full survey will be done in 2009.
  - The One-Minute survey was distributed in 2007.
  - There was very little change from 2004.
7. Human Resources Report – Wayne Argo
- Mr. Argo reported that the pay plans (salary guidelines) have been sent to UW-System.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10pm. The Senate Executive Committee remained for a meeting.