

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STOUT

SENATE OF THE ACADEMIC STAFF

MINUTES

March 11, 2008

ATTENDANCE

CHAIR: Dennis Shaw

SECRETARY: Robin Muza (acting secretary)

PRESENT: Jerry Addie, Tracey DeRusha, John Lui, Lelah Lugo, Debra Mosey, Heidi Rabeneck, Amy Riddle-Swanson, Lesley Voight and Sheri Yadgir, Also present: Provost Furst-Bowe and Vice Chancellor Moen

ABSENT: Bhaskar Gaddam, Damian Hanft, Jeff Kirschling, Wendy Knutson, Amy McGovern, Doug Mell, and Jennifer Rudiger (excused)

I. Call to Order: The meeting was call to order by Chair Shaw at 2:30

II. Chancellor's Report: No report.

III. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs' Report:

- There have been a number of donations made to the university.
- Will be a position for Diversity Director.
- Will present University's academic plan to system in April.
- 1 of 13 selected nationally to participate in the Voluntary System of Accountability Study.
- Discussion concerning study and proposed new engineering programs.

IV. Vice Chancellor for Administrative and Student Life Services' Report:

- A number of retirements have been announced.
- BPA will hold an open session once a quarter to keep the campus informed about the surveys conducted on campus and the results. The first session will be in early April.
- Master plan consultants have been on campus and are narrowing the potential plans. Students have requested opportunity to provide ongoing feedback – this is being implemented.
- Sustainability Focus groups have been meeting. Ideas were shared.
- Discussion concerning the carbon inventory that will be performed.
- Hockey has qualified for NCAA championship.
- Discussion concerning budget deficit.

V. Information and Announcements: none

IV. Approval of Minutes (attachments): Motion made by Senator Addie and seconded by Senator DeRusha to approve the minutes of the February 12 and February 26, 2008 meetings. Passed unanimously.

V. Reports (Distributed electronically):

- Personnel Committee – Senator Lugo reported only change to the revision on the rationale form is to print name.

VI. Old Business

- A. University Marshall Position (attachment)– Document is similar to the faculty senate’s position description; the difference is the academic staff position will only be for 1 academic year. **Motion by Senator Rabeneck and seconded by Senator Lugo to accept. Passed unanimously.**
- B. Bylaw changes (attachment) – First reading of proposed changes to the by-laws. Change proposed is to strike the college names. Also Chair Shaw added that in the by-laws should state that the Minority Representative is appointed by the minority staff network. Discussion to strike Roberts Rules regarding readings and vote at the next meeting on the changes.
- C. Academic Staff Development Conference – reminder to submit a proposal if interested.
- D. Governance Survey (attachment)– discussion concerning how to make the campus more aware of what Academic Senate does. Suggestions included a short newsletter on a regular basis and to send a survey to academic staff as to what they want to know (may help focus the newsletter). Also perhaps informational sessions. An example was a session on contracts; which had been well received in the past. Consensus was to send out a survey.
- E. Other – none.

VII. New Business

- A. Inclusive Excellence Document (attachment – for information and later discussion). Chair Shaw announced that Provost Furst-Bowe will be at the April 8th meeting to discuss the document.
- B. Recommended Changes to UWS Ch. 17 & 18 (attachments) UW-System governance groups to comment on the proposed changes. Discussion by the Senate concerning these changes affect students and the issue of double jeopardy. Chair Shaw will ask the Student Senate to share their concerns with the Academic Senate.
- C. Additional Policy Rule for Academic Staff Fixed Term Appointments (attachment). Senator Lugo gave the Senate an update on the history of the policy rule as well as the rationale for the change. Proposed policy would be that beginning in the 4th year in the same position or after the 6th year of a contract an individual would have the right to a multiple year contract. This would not apply to soft money positions. Departments would still have the option to ask for exceptions. Chair Shaw reported that the Provost and the Chancellor have indicated they would be supportive of a change. Any change would have to be approved by not only the Chancellor but the Board of Regents as well. Discussion followed. Chair Shaw asked Senate for flexibility as to when to present to the Provost and Chancellor. **Motion by Senator Lugo and seconded by Senator Addie to accept the changes and to allow Chair Shaw flexibility as to when to present to the Provost and Chancellor. Motion passed unanimously.**

Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned 3:35 p.m.

Next meeting will be held April 8 at 2:30 p.m. The next executive committee meeting will be held on March 25 in the Senate Office, however reports from the Chancellor, Provost, or Vice Chancellor will not be scheduled for the 3/25 date.