

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STOUT

SENATE OF THE ACADEMIC STAFF

MINUTES

May 6, 2008

ATTENDANCE

CHAIR: Jerry Addie (acting for Dennis Shaw)

SECRETARY: Robin Muza (acting secretary) Notes taken by Jerry Addie

PRESENT: Heidi Rabeneck, Jennifer Rudiger, Debra Mosey, John Lui, Lesley Voight, Amy Riddle Swanson. Guests: Chancellor Sorensen, Provost Furst-Bowe, Vice Chancellor Moen, Jim Uler (Health and Safety) and Doug Wahl.

ABSENT: Tracey DeRusha, Bhaskar Gaddam, Damian Hanft, Jeff Kirschling, Wendy Knutson, Amy McGovern, Sheri Yadgir, and Robin Muza (excused); Dennis Shaw (excused).

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was call to order by Senator Addie at 2:30
- II. **Chancellor's Report:** Reported no news on the budget. Discussed that the longer there is no budget the greater the potential impact on the campus.
- III. **Vice Chancellor for Administrative and Student Life Services' Report:** Vice Chancellor Moen reported:
 - Finishing the master plan this summer – will be rolled out this fall.
 - Green house gas emission test will be done this fall. Action plan will also be this fall.
 - Emergency Communication Systems are being enhanced.
 - July 16th will be a ½ day external Visionary meeting. Individuals will be coming to campus to discuss possible directions for UW-Stout.
 - Remodeling for Jarvis and CT 224 was announced.
 - Williams turf replacement is scheduled for June.
 - People Soft update was given.
- IV. **Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs' Report:** Provost Furst-Bowe reported:
 - Enrollment figures for the fall look good.
 - Commencement is Saturday May 10th will be a morning and afternoon ceremony. Diplomas will be awarded to 2 of the fire victims.
 - There is money for new courses.
 - Discussed the Curriculum incubator program and if interested should contact Janice Coker.
- V. **Approval of Minutes of April 22, 2008. Motion to approved by Senator Rabeneck and seconded by Senator Riddle-Swanson.** Approved.
- VI. **Reports** (distributed electronically)
 - Senator Addie read an email from Senator Lugo that she would be attending a UW-System Compensation Advisory Committee meeting via phone conference on May 16th. Will be discussing the compensation package for the next biennium.
- VII. **Old Business**
 - Senator Addie invited senators to attend the Academic Staff Leadership Conference this summer.
 - Center for Interdisciplinary Collaboration Proposal was discussed. Recommended a draft be composed to support the Center. **Motion by Senator Rudiger and seconded by Senator Riddle Swanson.** Approved.

- Graduate Education Committee Recommendation on Laptops. Senator Addie shared the following with the Senate:

On January 22, 2008, the Faculty Senate charged its Graduate Education Committee to Review and make recommendations regarding the current policy of not including graduate students in the laptop lease program.

In response, the Committee reviewed the current policy, the Graduate Student Computer Access document, information provided by faculty, and the ideas discussed at the Graduate Program Directors' meeting.

The Graduate Education Committee recommends the following policy:

Participation in a laptop lease program is not a requirement for enrollment in the Graduate School at UW-Stout.

However, individual graduate classes and graduate programs at UW-Stout may require materials and tools including laptop computers and software.

The computer software and hardware requirements for graduate classes and graduate programs shall be communicated to prospective students.

When computer software or hardware is required for a graduate class, the instructor will provide the specifications for the computers required for class and suggestions for sources of the software to prospective students.

When computer software or hardware is required for a graduate program, the program director will provide the specifications for the computers and suggestions for sources of computers and software to prospective students.

VIII. New Business – none

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m. Next meeting will be July 23- summer Meeting of Senate of Academic Staff begins at 3:00 p.m., Lakeside Park (Wolske Bay Road past the City Library)