

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STOUT

SENATE OF THE ACADEMIC STAFF

MINUTES

September 4, 2007

ATTENDANCE

CHAIR: Dennis Shaw

SECRETARY: Robin Muza (acting secretary)

PRESENT: Jerry Addie, Tracy DeRusha, Bhaskar Gaddam, Jeff Kirschling, Wendy Knutson, Lelah Lugo, Debra Mosey, Amy Riddle-Swanson, Jennifer Rudiger.

ABSENT: Wayne Argo, Damian Hanft, Ilse Hartung, Amy McGovern, Doug Mell, Heidi Rabeneck, and Lesley Voight.

I. Call to Order: The meeting was call to order by Chair Shaw at 3:00.

II. Announcements and Information:

- A. Welcome by Chair Shaw and Introductions of senators.
- B. Meeting schedule was highlighted (attachment).
- C. Chair Shaw indicated a few committees are still looking for members (attachment).
- D. Chair Shaw informed the group all resolutions passed during 2006-2007 sessions are available on the senate web page (attachment).
- E. Chair Shaw made available to senators copies of Robert's Rules Simplified.
- F. Discussion concerning open meeting laws and the need to follow the rules particularly when using list serve (attachment).
- G. Responsibilities of senators – role is to represent constituents. It is also to bring forward constituents' viewpoints and act as a link between senate and constituents. Discussion led to whether to keep Academic Senate list serve or only use the combine Senate list serve. Consensus of the senators was to keep the Academic list serve. Chair Shaw reminded the senators that anyone can join the list serve. Senator Kirschling asked if possible to get a list of constituents. Chair Shaw indicated yes.
- H. Chair Office Hours: Monday 8-10 and Thursday 10-12. Chair Shaw asked that individuals call for an appointment.
- I. Chair Shaw announced that the Administrator's Evaluations Report (of the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor and Provost) was on file in the senate office.
- J. Chair Shaw announced that the senate secretary position had not yet been filled.

III. Approval of Minutes (attachment): Motion made by Senator Lugo; seconded by Senator Addie to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2007 meeting. Passed unanimously.

IV. Reports:

- A. Senator Lugo reported that the Personnel Committee has a vacancy.
- B. No other reports given.

V. Old Business

- A. Program Alignment (attachment): Chair Shaw reviewed 4 models proposed. Reminded senators of the dates of the open forums.
- B. Leave Reporting (attachment) comments should be brought to the October Senate meeting for section 3. Comments concerning sections 1 and 2 are posted on the web site.
- C. State Budget/Collective Bargaining (attachment) was updated by Chair Shaw. Chair Shaw presented a resolution with regards to collection bargaining. **Motion by Senator Addie to accept; seconded by Senator Lugo. Passed unanimously.**
- D. Selection of Vice Chair. Senator Addie indicated willingness to accept the position. **Motion by Senator Muza to approve; seconded by Senator Gaddam. Passed unanimously.**
- E. Approval of Committee Appointments (attachment). **Motion by Senator Rudiger to approve the appointments; seconded by Senator Lugo. Passed unanimously.**
- F. University Marshall Position (attachment). Chair Shaw explained the history and the position of the senate for requesting that one of positions be given to Academic staff. Chair Shaw indicated he will continue to lobby for this.
- G. Other – Chair Shaw announced that changes in the By-Laws will be discussed at the next meeting.

VI. New Business

- A. UW System Strategic Framework (attachment). Chair Shaw gave a brief overview. Indicated still openings on the committees and to let him know if interested.
- B. UW System Diversity Climate Assessment Project (attachment). Chair Shaw gave brief overview. Indicated if interested to serve on the committee to let him know.
- C. Commending Academic Staff Award Recipients (attachment). This item will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- D. Other. Chair saw will resend all materials due to a number of senators not receiving the attachments.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned 4:00 p.m.

Next meeting will be held September 2nd in the Oakwood Room immediately following the Combined Senates meeting (2:30 p.m.).