

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STOUT
SENATE OF THE ACADEMIC STAFF
MINUTES
January 30, 2007

ATTENDANCE

CHAIR: Dennis Shaw
SECRETARY: Darrin Witucki

PRESENT: Jerry Addie, Lori Anda-Bowen, Bhaskar Gaddam, Heidi Gilbertson-Gansberg, Ilse Hartung, Lelah Lugo, Kari Merritt, Evan Sveum, & Lesley Voigt

ABSENT: Argo (ex officio), Hanft, James, Kirschling, Jones, McGovern (excused), & Rudiger

GUESTS: Donna Weber, R.J. Braxton

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Shaw at 3:27 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the December 12, 2006 meeting were approved.

III. Announcements and Information:

- A. An alternate representative is needed for the Graduate Education Committee. Please contact Senator Hartung if interested.
- B. Founder's Day in April will be extensive and there are some questions if the Senate will have a role in this event. It is possible that the Chancellor's Academic Staff Excellence award will presented during Founder's Day.
- C. Chair Shaw will not be seeking re-election as Senate Chair. It is time to seek out candidates for the Chair position.

IV. Reports: (Distributed Electronically) – Committee reports are as presented electronically.

- A. Personnel Committee (Lelah Lugo)
- B. Professional Development Committee (Jennifer Rudiger)
- C. Election Committee (Bhaskar Gaddam)
- D. Digital Governance Committee (Dennis Shaw)
- E. Curriculum & Instruction Committee (Evan Sveum)
- F. Educational Activities Committee (Scott Griesbach)
- G. Educational Support Unit Review Committee (Jerry Addie)
- H. Planning and Review Committee (Heidi Rabeneck)
- I. General Education Committee (Celene Frey)

- J. Human Resources Office (Wayne Argo)
- K. Chair

V. Old Business:

- A. Polytechnic Update: Position papers on now posted on the Stout mainpage. Chair Shaw has been asked to represent the Senate of the Academic Staff at an upcoming Board of Regents meeting in March or April.
- B. Freshmen Admissions Policy:
Merritt/Anda-Bowen moved to approve the UW-Stout Freshmen Admissions Policy as presented.

Vote: Passed Unanimously

- C. Chancellor's Academic Staff Award for Excellence:
Sveum/Gaddam moved to extend the nomination deadline by two weeks.

Vote: Passed Unanimously

Post vote discussion included the need for a renewed marketing effort and Chair Shaw will check with Research Promotions for updates on the number of applications received.

- D. SAS Newsletter: A discussion of an idea from fall semester. Chair Shaw is still interested in the idea and has a vision of one newsletter per semester. Chair Shaw is seeking ideas, topics and announcements. Key topics will include elections and standard or reoccurring dates and deadlines. The first newsletter could be a re-cap of fall semester with a look at spring semester activity thus far.

VI. New Business:

- A. Academic Staff Salary Guidelines: Salary Guidelines will be proposed by the Personnel Committee and presented by Senator Lugo. The guidelines presented did not have any notable changes from past years. An approved set of guidelines need to be sent to UW-System by March 1, 2007.

Lugo/Addie moved to approved the Academic Staff Salary Guidelines as proposed by the Personnel Committee

Vote: Passed Unanimously

- B. Honors Program: The Chancellor has discussed his idea about forming an Honors College. The Senate of the Academic Staff would like to explore

the idea further by inviting Bob Horan to brief the Senate on his thoughts on the future and his recommendations regarding this topic.

- C. Program Alignment: This topic will require the attention of the Senate in the future. Senator Gaddam raised the question: “Do Program Alignment and polytechnic go hand-in-hand?” Senator Addie pointed out that a review of Stout realignment history is important. Steve Schlough was identified as a resource with his past realignment experience. Chair Shaw would like to form a small work group from the Faculty Senate and the Senate of the Academic Staff. Chair Shaw is looking for three volunteers to serve on the work group. Please contact Chair Shaw if you are interested

- D. Other Business: Based on Doug Wahl’s presentation at the joint senate briefing, Senator Hartung has questions regarding D2L. Specifically what is the expected future of D2L and what are the long range plans for course management software? Senator Addie will bring up that question at the next Campus Information Technology Advisory Committee meeting.

VII. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.
Next meeting is February 27, 2007.