

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STOUT
SENATE OF ACADEMIC STAFF
MINUTES
October 31, 2006

ATTENDANCE

CHAIR: Dennis Shaw
SECRETARY: Darrin Witucki

PRESENT: TBA

ABSENT: TBA

GUESTS: Provost Julie Furst-Bowe & Communications Director Doug Mell

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Shaw.

II. Announcements and Information:

- A. The Provost was present for open discussion with the Senate. She reported the Chancellor was doing well in his recovery. The Provost fielded questions about enrollment management, numbers of faculty, advisement day, evaluation week, and cancelled classes.
- B. Human Resources Director, Wayne Argo gave a report about the development of UW-Stout's policy and procedures regarding the upcoming implementation of criminal background checks for new staff hires. An implementation deadline of January 1, 2007 was set.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the October 3, 2006 meeting were approved for filing.

IV. Reports (Distributed electronically) – Committee reports are as presented electronically; no oral reports were given.

- A. Personnel Committee (Lelah Lugo)
- B. Professional Development Grant Committee (Jennifer Rudiger)
- C. Elections Committee (Bhaskar Gaddam)
- D. Digital Governance Committee (Dennis Shaw)
- E. Curriculum & Instruction Committee (Evan Sveum)
 - 1. Senator Sveum gave a brief update indicating there were not as many course approval actions as in the past. He stated much of the committee's discussion had been on the variable topic.
- 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's Report (Shaw)

V. Old Business

- A. **Teaching Workload Report**– Report had been distributed at the October 3, 2006 meeting. No action was taken.
- B. **Campus Priority Listening Sessions** – Chair gave a brief report on all of the previous sessions that he attended. He suggested the Senate kept a close watch on time allocation for each subject during their upcoming session.

VI. New Business

A. Equality for Women Committee Appointment

Motion: Hartung/McGovern moved to approve moved to appoint Kari Merritt to the Equality for Women Steering Committee.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

- B. **Criminal Background Check Policy Draft (Policy Nbr: 06-61)** – Lengthy discussion on potential process problems, speed of process, and any future student employee process.

Motion: Lugo/Hartung moved to approve of UW-Stout Employee Criminal Background Check Policy Draft (Policy Nbr: 06-61) with attached comments and concerns for UW-Stout administration to address (see attached).

Vote: Yes: 9 / No: 1 / Abstentions: 1

APPROVED

C. UW-System's Growth Agenda

Motion: Witucki/Kirschling moved to approve UW-Stout Senate of the Academic Staff Resolution in support of the UW System's Growth Agenda (See Attached).

Vote: Passed unanimously.

APPROVED

D. Marriage Amendment

Motion: Witucki/Voigt moved to approve UW-Stout Senate of the Academic Staff Resolution in opposition to the Proposed Constitutional Amendment Regarding Marriage (See Attached).

Vote: Yes: 7 / No: 1 / Abstentions: 4
APPROVED

VII. Adjournment

The Senate was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.