

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STOUT
SENATE OF THE ACADEMIC STAFF
MINUTES

December 12, 2006

ATTENDANCE

CHAIR: Dennis Shaw
SECRETARY: Darrin Witucki

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

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

GUESTS: none

- I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Shaw at 2:58 p.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the October 31, 2006 meeting were approved after changes to the attendance section.
- III. Announcements and Information:**
 - A. Chair Shaw and Senator Hartung are working with Forest Schultz and Len Bogner to discuss what the content and structure of the joint senate briefings. A brief discussion and a few suggestions followed.
- IV. Reports:** (Distributed electronically) – Committee reports are as presented electronically, one verbal update was given.
 - A. Personnel Committee (Lugo)
 - B. Professional Development Committee (Rudiger)
 - C. Election Committee (Gaddam)
 - D. Digital Governance Committee (Shaw)
 - E. Curriculum & Instruction Committee (Sveum)
 - F. Educational Support Review Committee (Addie)
 - G. Planning and Review Committee (Rabeneck)
 - H. General Education Committee (Frey)
 - I. Human Resources Office (Argo)
 - J. Chair's Report (Shaw)
 - K. ESUR (verbal update): The ESUR Committee is working on survey instruments before getting them out to departments for use.
- V. Old Business:**

- A. Polytechnic Definition: Senator Hartung, Forest Schultz, Alec Kirby, and Renee Howarton met with Doug Mell to review and discuss Mr. Mell's polytechnic paper. They looked at language, avoiding name change language and stressing designation seeking. The paper also points out UW-System and Wisconsin exclusivity in this designation. The plan is to post the paper on the web by Friday, December 15, 2006 to coincide with our campus designated regents visit. In addition to work on the paper, the group had a lengthy discussion about the need to better educate the campus community so we can better educate the general public at large. An idea about a central office for polytechnic implementation and dissemination was discussed as well.
- B. University Priorities: The university priorities developed from the fall priorities and budget sessions are nearly in the final draft form and will be posted on the Budget Planning & Analysis (BPA) website.

Senator Gaddam raised some questions about the link between "preparing students for a global society and work force" AND "Plan 2008." A short discussion followed with no concrete answers to Senator Gaddam's questions.

VI. New Business:

- A. Policy 04-63 Standard Revenue Split With WISYS: Meredith Wentz and Sue Foxwell will be coming to the January 30, 2007 meeting to review, explain, and discuss Policy 04-63
- B. Elections Update: A short brainstorming session was conducted to increase participation in electronic elections. An idea of a fun test/mock election to introduce and educate voters was discussed and will be examined further by the Elections Committee. Other discussion topics included improved marketing strategies, continuous reminders during the voting time period, and improved training and education on D2L (especially for professional academic staff).
- C. Strategies for Improved Participation in Shared Governance: A short brainstorming session was conducted to address improved shared governance participation. Topics and ideas included: a mid-year report/newsletter and more versus less information is better, and a social/open house idea (Senator Merritt pointed out the time period between the end of the spring semester and the end of the contract years as a potential time period for such an activity). Chair Shaw and Senator Rudiger will examine the issue and ideas further, with the goal of bringing back a more developed plan.

VII. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.
Next meeting is January 30, 2007.

