

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STOUT
SENATE OF THE ACADEMIC STAFF
MINUTES

February 27, 2007

ATTENDANCE

CHAIR: Dennis Shaw
SECRETARY: Darrin Witucki

PRESENT: Jerry Addie, Wayne Argo (ex officio), Bhaskar Gaddam, Heidi Gilbertson-Gansberg, Ilse Hartung, Lelah Lugo, Kari Merritt, Jennifer Rudiger, and Evan Sveum

ABSENT: Anda-Bowen, Hanft, James, Kirschling, Jones, McGovern & Wimer

GUESTS: none

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Shaw at 2:56 p.m.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the January 30, 2007 meeting were approved.
- III. **Announcements and Information:**
 - A. Chair Shaw will not be seeking re-election as Senate Chair. Vice-Chair Hartung is not seeking the office. 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) *Verbal Update*
 - I. The committee had one exception come before the committee in the past month. The exception met the committee's criteria and it was approved. This is Senator Lugo's last term as the chair of the Personnel Committee. The Senate will need to seek a new chair at the completion of Lugo's term.
 - 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) *Verbal Update*
 - I. Short meeting was held on 2/26/07. They are at a point where most surveys should be ready to be sent out.
 - H. Planning and Review Committee (Heidi Rabeneck)
 - I. General Education Committee (Celene Frey)

- J. Human Resources Office (Wayne Argo) *Verbal Update*
 - I. 2nd Phase of the current pay plan will go into effect on April 1st. Phase 2 will be an increase of 2.25%. It will appear in May 1st checks. A proposal in the governor's budget bill will decrease the 6 month health insurance waiting period to 2 months. This proposal would help in classified recruitment and could reduce 4 months of campus payments on unclassified employees.
- K. Chair's Report
- L. Vice-Chair Report (Ilse Hartung) *Verbal Update*
 - I. Senate of the Academic Staff Yearly Report to the Stout Foundation Board: Senator Hartung reported that attending the board meeting was a positive experience. Senator Hartung suggests a permanent senate presence at all Foundation Board meetings. It would be good to have a presence and to be available to obtain and provide information.

V. Old Business:

- A. Polytechnic Update: Education Committee of the Board of Regents will be hearing UW-Stout's Polytechnic Presentation on March 8-9, 2007 at UW-Parkside.
- B. Dunn County Visioning:
Discussion of the topic was tabled until a quorum of the senate could be gathered.
- C. Academic Staff Awards for Excellence:
One nominee has been obtained and will be brought forward after the sub-committee of the Professional Development Committee has processed the nominee materials.

Regents Award for Academic Staff Excellence:

Chair Shaw has submitted his name as a nominee after encouragement and confirmation from the SAS Executive Committee. The sub-committee of the Professional Development Committee fully endorsed Chair Shaw's nomination.

Gaddam/Addie moved to approve Chair Shaw as the campus nominee for the Regents Academic Staff Award.

Vote: Passed Unanimously

- D. Program Alignment Committee: Three academic senate representatives are needed for the committee. Thus far Krista James (CAS) and Robin Muza (CHD) have come forward to serve. A third volunteer came forward at the meeting. Jerry Addie (CTEM) has volunteered to serve on the committee.

Lugo/Hartung moved to approve James, Muza, and Addie to serve on the Program Alignment Committee.

Vote: Passed Unanimously

E. Academic Staff Summer Leadership Conference: The host committee is seeking proposals for sessions. The conference will be held June 28-29, 2007 at UW-Superior.

VI. New Business:

- A. State Budget/Enabling Legislation: Budget outlook is positive at this point comparatively to previously budget cycles. The Collective Bargaining Enabling legislation was discussed briefly and was tabled for more formal discussion when a larger quorum is achieved.
- B. UW Colleges Commission Report: The topic was tabled for later discussion. It is a lengthy report and Chair Shaw encourages the senate to review it with care.
- C. Senate Social: The planning committee had no progress to report. Chair Shaw had good news for the committee. Some previously unused Senate funds (\$224.94) are available for the planning committee.

VII. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.
Next meeting is March 20, 2007.