

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STOUT
SENATE OF THE ACADEMIC STAFF
MINUTES
March 20, 2007

ATTENDANCE

CHAIR: Dennis Shaw
SECRETARY: Darrin Witucki

PRESENT: Jerry Addie, Anda-Bowen, Bhaskar Gaddam, Ilse Hartung, Jeff Kirschling, Kari Merritt, Jennifer Rudiger, Dennis Shaw, & Lesley Voigt

ABSENT: Argo (ex officio), Gilbertson-Gansberg, Hanft, James, Jones, Lugo (excused), McGovern, & Sveum

GUESTS: none

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Shaw at 2:57 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the February 27, 2007 meeting were approved.

III. Announcements and Information:

- A. AQUIP visit
- B. The Senate was reminded that we are still looking for candidates for the Senate Chair position in addition to our other open positions.

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) *Verbal Update*
 - I. Committee met 3.19.07 all but one survey is out, several have come back and the committee will be using that information to help validate their reports which are due in May 2007.
- H. Planning and Review Committee (Heidi Rabeneck)
- I. General Education Committee (Celene Frey)
- J. Human Resources Office (Wayne Argo)
- K. Chair's Report
- L. Vice-Chair Report (Ilse Hartung)

V. Old Business:

- A. Polytechnic Update: The Board of Regents did approve the designation of UW-Stout as Wisconsin's Polytechnic University on Friday, March 9, 2007.
- B. Dunn County Visioning:
 - i. Discussion of the topic followed:

Senator Hartung had a question about how the make of the Visioning group was selected.

Chair Shaw suggested the questions may be "Do we support this type of gathering of voices and planning?" AND "Do we feel it is our place to support or not support an idea like this?"

Several Senators felt the pre-written resolution given to us was a bit presumptuous.

Several Senators felt the Chancellor and Administration have made a statement on behalf of the university with his support. It may not be a topic or issue that is germane to the Senate of the Academic Staff.

No further action was taken on the Dunn County Visioning issue.

- C. Unionization Enabling Legislation Resolution:
Addie/Hartung moved to approve a resolution reflecting the Senate of the Academic Staff's opposition to the Enabling Resolution (see attached resolution)

Vote: Passed Unanimously

- D. Academic Staff Summer Leadership Conference: The annual conference is June 28-29, 2007 at UW-Superior. Historically the Provost has made some funding available to academic staff wanting to attend the conference. At this time it is unclear if funding will be available from the Provost. Several presentations from Stout have been approved.

VI. New Business:

- A. ROTC Host Battalion:
 - i. Discussion of ROTC Host Battalion Followed:
Several Senators talked about the positives of the program and the win/win of being a host battalion.

Discussion and clarification of the classes and program followed.

Senator Witucki spoke in opposition to the resolution. He stated that while he agreed with many of the positive aspects of the program he could not support the program due to the conflict between UW-Stout's discrimination policies and the Department of Defense's discriminatory policy regarding homosexuals.

Addie/Hartung moved to pass a resolution approving the ROTC Host Battalion proposal.

Vote: 8 Yes / 1 No / 1 Abstention

B. Online Redbook Information

Chair Shaw reviewed the change in access to redbook (employee salary) information. UW-System has tightened access to redbook information to limit competing institutions' knowledge of UW-System salary structures. Redbook is fully available from any UW-System networked computer. The general public still has access to this information upon request for a \$10 administrative charge.

<http://systemwide.uwsa.edu/budplan/redbook>

C. FBAC Leave Reporting Recommendations

- i. Referred to Personnel Committee for Review

VII. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.
Next meeting is April 10, 2007.