

AGENDA

2007/2008 University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Faculty Senate

Tuesday, February 12, 2:15 p.m.
University Center 259B

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Roll Call**

1. Senators present:
2. Senators absent: (*informed Secretary)

3. **Approval of Minutes:**

1. 2007/2008 Faculty Senate Meeting, November 13, 2007

4. **Reports of Committees:**

1. University Curriculum Committee:
 1. Transmittal of actions of Friday, January 25, 2008

2. Faculty Personnel Rules Committee:

Rules governing UWS 7:

Be it resolved that the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater faculty adopt Chapter 7 of the Faculty Personnel Rules, implementation of UWS 7 of the Administrative Code:

Chapter VII-RULES GOVERNING DISMISSAL OF FACULTY IN SPECIAL CASES UNDER UWS 7, WISCONSIN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

A. Definitions

1. "appropriate institutional governance representatives" shall mean the Faculty Senate Chair or her/his designee,
2. "appropriate faculty governance representatives" shall mean the Faculty Senate Chair or her/his designee, and
3. "institutional standing committee" shall mean the Faculty Appeals Grievance, and Disciplinary Hearing Committee.

B. See UWS Faculty Personnel Rules (UWS 7). (<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/code/uws/uws007.pdf>)

3. Senate Executive Committee:

1. Endorsement of the Shared Governance Principles and Guidelines.

5. **Old Business:**

1. None.

6. **New Business:**

1. Retirement Resolutions: None.
2. Resolution on Desire2Learn:

Whereas a majority of the students and faculty at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater depend upon Desire2Learn technology as part of the educational support infrastructure; and

Whereas the performance of the system at the beginning and end of academic periods has been unacceptably slow; and

Whereas the performance problems seem to be reoccurring over several years; and

Whereas these problems have negatively impacted the education of the students across the University; and

Whereas the ability to address the performance problems is outside of the control of this campus;

Therefore be it resolved that the faculty at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater hereby formally expresses its dissatisfaction with the performance of the current implementation, infrastructure, and management of Desire2Learn and request that the University of Wisconsin System Administration

investigate the systemic nature of the problem and resolve it. Furthermore we respectfully request a report of the outcome of such an investigation.

3. Faculty Service Award Selection Committee (Steve Albrechtsen is continuing in 2008) (please see <http://www.uww.edu/acadaff/awards/index.html>):

Choose two Faculty Senators for a two-year term ending 2009.

Choose one former recipient of the Faculty Service Award to serve a one-year term, 2007/2008.

Choose one Faculty Senator for a one-year term ending 2008.

4. Memorial Committee: appoint one faculty member to a three year term to expire 2010 (see <http://www.uww.edu/uwwhdbk/committees/ac-memorial.htm>) (FYI: continuing: Carol Normand, term to expire 2008; Glenn Hayes, term to expire 2009) .

7. **Announcements and Information** (no action unless noted otherwise)

1. Report of the Chancellor
2. Report of the Provost
3. Report of the Senate Chair

1. Resolutions:

1. Senate Executive Committee actions August 2006

1. **FS0607-01EXEC:** 08/15/06: approved the Memorial Committee's proposed naming opportunity for the Pavilion: Coulthart Family Pavilion: approved by the Chancellor 12/05/07.

2. from October 10, 2006, Senate Meeting

1. **FS0607-06:** approved all actionable items of the University Curriculum Committee meeting of Friday, September 22, 2006; approved by the Chancellor 12/05/07.

3. from November 14, 2006, Senate Meeting

1. **FS0607-07:** approved all actionable items of the University Curriculum Committee meeting of Friday, October 20, 2006; approved by the Chancellor 12/05/07.

4. from the December 12, 2006, Senate meeting

1. **FS0607-10:** adopted the Campus Landscape Planning Committee report, "Reconstruction Plan for the UW-Whitewater Nature Preserve,"; approved by the Chancellor 12/17/07.

5. from the March 13, 2007, Senate meeting

1. **FS0607-18:** approved the Criminal Background Check Policy; approved by the Chancellor 12/05/07.

6. from the April 10, 2007, Senate meeting

1. **FS0607-23:** approved the Resolution on Criteria for Approval of Wisconsin Technical College System Collegiate Transfers Programs:

Whereas at its February 9, 2007, meeting, the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents passed the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents Criteria for Approval of Wisconsin Technical College System Collegiate Transfer Programs (Education Committee Resolution A); and,

Whereas the Faculty "have the primary responsibility for academic and educational activities" (Wis. Stat. 36.09(4)); and,

Whereas the Criteria do not make clear the role of the faculty in reviewing and approving either the curriculum of the Liberal Arts Programs or the Pre-Professional Programs for transfer from the Wisconsin Technical College System;

Be it resolved that if the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater does any formal review of a Liberal Arts Program called for under II.C.1 of the Criteria: "Formal review and, if possible, approval of the curriculum for course transfer is obtained from at least one UWS institution to which students are likely to transfer following completion of the Liberal Arts degree," no such review may be completed without an assessment by and approval of the appropriate college curriculum committee or committees; the University Curriculum Committee; and, for any courses proposed for General Education credit, the General Education Review Committee; and,

Be it further resolved that if the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater considers approving a Pre-Professional Program called for under III.C.1 of the Criteria:

"Approval of the program is obtained from the WTCS and UWS partner institution(s), including the transfer and application of courses toward a degree at the institution," no such approval may be granted without an assessment by and approval of the appropriate college curriculum committee or committees; the University Curriculum Committee; and, for any courses proposed for General Education credit, the General Education Review Committee; approved by the Chancellor 12/05/07.

7. from the May 8, 2007, Senate meeting
 1. **FS0607-31:** approved revisions to the Reconstruction Plan for the UW-Whitewater Nature Preserve; approved by the Chancellor 12/17/07.
 2. **FS0607-32:** approved revisions to the Faculty Rules:
Resolved that the text in section III, F, 2, c, (1) - (4) be changed
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c. Include a written narrative for each year. Use a maximum of three pages for this narrative. The narrative should consider the faculty member's
(1) critical evaluation of his/her performance in teaching, research and creative activity, and professional and public service,
(2) description of his/her performance as it relates to the university principles in teaching, research and creative activity, and professional and public service,
(3) description of his/her performance as it relates to his/her departmental and constituency standards in teaching, research and creative activity, and professional and public service description of his/her performance as it relates to the Document of Intent or annual face-to-face goals.
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c. Include a written narrative for each year. Use a maximum of three pages for this narrative. Because the department goals and mission are consistent with those of the college and university as well as the university strategic plan, in the narrative concisely describe your
(1) approach to teaching and how it is consistent with the select mission of the department and/or the strategic plan of the university;
(2) research agenda, current projects, and accomplishments and in what way this agenda and the projects are consistent the select mission of the department and/or the strategic plan of the University;
3) service activities and how they help support the fulfillment of the select mission of the department and/or the strategic plan of the University; approved by the Chancellor 12/05/07 (it will be forwarded to the Board of Regents with the next group of rule changes).
 3. **FS0607-35:** approved the resolution on Domestic Partner Benefits:
Whereas the University of Wisconsin System's lack of Domestic Partner Benefits has resulted in the loss of valued employees and makes it more difficult to recruit high quality employees; and
Whereas peer institutions of the University of Wisconsin System afford their employees these benefits;
Therefore be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater urges the granting of Domestic Partner benefits to all employees of the University of Wisconsin System, accepted by the Chancellor 12/05/07.
8. from the September 11, 2007, Senate meeting
 1. **FS0708-01:** approval of revisions to the Criminal Background Check Policy, **FS0607-18**; approved by the Chancellor 12/05/07.
9. from the October 9, 2007, Senate meeting
 1. **FS0708-03:** approved all actionable items of the University Curriculum Committee meeting of Friday, September 7, 2007; approved by the Chancellor 12/05/07.
 2. **FS0708-04:** approved all actionable items of the University Curriculum Committee meeting of Friday, September 21, 2007; approved by the Chancellor 12/05/07.
10. from the November 13, 2007, Senate meeting

1. **FS0708-05:** all actionable items of the University Curriculum Committee meeting of Friday, September 21, 2007 (available at <http://acadaff.uww.edu/UCC/2007-08/092107/092107T.htm> for download links); approved by the Chancellor 11/28/07.
2. **FS0708-06:** approved resolution on establishing an ad hoc committee to study the integrity of online courses:
Whereas the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater has been increasing the number of online course offerings; and Whereas one of the benchmarks of the University Strategic Plan is to further increase the number of these offerings; therefore be it resolved that an ad hoc committee be formed to investigate the issue of the integrity of online courses and the practices that are currently in place to help ensure the quality of online instruction and to make recommendations on maintaining the integrity of these courses; on educating first time instructors of online courses in best practices; on exploiting new technologies and maintaining currency in a rapidly changing technological environment; and on supporting online course instruction, including the development of any infrastructure (for example, testing centers) that may be needed by instructors and/or students. The Committee will consist of five members, one member from each constituency and one member from Instructional, Communication, and Information Technology. Nominations should be sent to the Faculty Senate Chair by November 27. The Faculty Senate Executive will select the five members from the pool of nominees at its November 27 meeting. The Committee should report to the Faculty Senate at its May 6, 2008, meeting; approved by the Chancellor 11/28/07.
3. **FS0708-07:** approved the 2010-2011 Academic Calendar; approved by the Chancellor 11/28/07.
4. **FS0708-08:** approved the Resolution in support of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Petition for an Equitable, Reasonable, and Affordable Quality Health Care Plan: *Whereas the faculty and staff of all campuses of the University of Wisconsin System should have access to fair and good quality health care; be it resolved that the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Faculty Senate endorses and fully supports the Petition for an Equitable, Reasonable, and Affordable Quality Health Care Plan for all faculty and staff at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls; and Be it further resolved that we strongly urge the President and the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System to act quickly to ensure that each campus be offered an equitable, reasonable, and affordable quality health care plan this year and in the future;* transmitted to the Board of Regents and the President of the University of Wisconsin System 11/16/07.

11. Senate Executive Committee action of 12/13/07.

1. FS0708-09EXEC: approved all actionable items of the University Curriculum Committee meeting of Friday, November 16, 2007; approved by the Chancellor 12/13/07.

2. Other

4. Senate Meeting Dates and Times

1. [Faculty Senate](#): March 11, 2008, UC 261; April 8, 2007, UC 259B; May 6, 2007, UC 259B; Meetings begin at 2:15 p.m.
2. Faculty Senate Executive Committee: February 26, 2008; March 18, 2008; April 22, 2008; Meetings of the Executive Committee are typically held at 2:15 in Heide Hall 416 on Tuesdays two weeks before Senate meetings and as needed.

5. Other announcements

8. **Adjournment**