

MINUTES
2008/2009 University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Faculty Senate
Tuesday, February 10, 2:15 p.m.
University Center 275 A
<http://www.uww.edu/facsenate>

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 2:23 PM.
2. **Calling of the roll**
 1. Senators present: Ahmadi, Albrechtsen, Bertozzi, Bren, Cartwright, Chen, Dougan, Drago, Erdmann, Evangelista, Griffith, Henige, Ghavamshahidi, Johnson, Kolb, Kumpaty, Leitheiser, Lollar, McGuigan, Melton, Mickelson, Molloy, Munro, Ossers, Porter, Robinson, Skelly, Splinter, Tourigny, Weston
 2. Senators absent: (*informed Secretary) Emrey*, Gruber*, Hogan*, Nam, Portman*, Samaranayake*
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Both sets of minutes approved on a Cartwright/Ossers motion.
 1. 2008/2009 Faculty Senate Meeting, November 11, 2008.
 2. 2008/2009 Faculty Senate Meeting, December 09, 2008.
4. **Reports of Committees:**
 1. University Curriculum Committee: Both transmittals approved on a Bertozzi/Ahmadi motion.
 1. Transmittal of actions of November 21, 2008
 2. Transmittal of actions of January 23, 2009

Erdmann/Leitheiser requested a special order of business to consider New Business 6(4) at this time. Motion approved. See minutes at New Business 6(4).

2. Faculty Salary Committee:
 1. Salary Plan for 2009-2011. Ghavamshahidi/Lollar moved to accept the plan. Discussion followed. The Chancellor spoke briefly about his view of the plan. Motion was approved.
3. Faculty Senate Executive Committee: Chair Kumpaty noted that the Executive Committee had acted on the following items.
 1. Appointed Paul Adogamhe for Affirmative Action/Diversity Committee and Kelly S.Witte, Asst. Professor, HPERC, for Sexual Assault and Prevention Committee
 2. Endorsed the following resolution in support of UW-Oshkosh Faculty Advocacy Committee letter to the Legislature.
Whereas the UW-Oshkosh faculty advocacy committee has sent a letter to the legislative fiscal bureau requesting preparation of a white paper on faculty faculty issues; and
Whereas the faculty at UW-Whitewater share similar concerns over the salary increases consistently below the inflation rate.

Therefore, be it resolved that the UW-Whitewater Faculty Senate endorse and fully support the petition of UW-Oshkosh faculty advocacy committee to Representative Hintz.

5. Old Business: None

6. New Business:

1. Retirement Resolutions: 1. Dianne Jones, HPRC Approved on Ghavamshahidi/Johnson motion.
2. Memorial Committee: Appoint one faculty member to a three year term; term to expire in 2009 (see <http://www.uww.edu/uwwhdbk/committees/ac-memorial.htm>) (FYI: term continuing: Cristy Jefson, term to expire 2009; Carol Normand, term to expire 2009); Karen Weston, University Library, elected.
3. Faculty Service Award Selection Committee:
Choose one former recipient of the Faculty Service Award to serve a one-year term, 2008/2009. Edward Erdmann, Languages & Literatures, elected.
Choose one Faculty Senator for a one-year term ending 2009. Zoreh Ghavamshahidi, Political Science, elected.
4. Policy on Class Absence Due to Military Service Bertozzi/Robinson moved to accept the motion. Jan Nordin, Veteran's Coordinator, was present to answer questions. Members of the UWW Veterans Committee, ROTC, and Whitewater Student Government were also present to support the motion. A lengthy discussion ensued with several proposed motions offered – motions failed. Bertozzi/Leitheiser called for the question – motion approved. Main motion to accept the policy as written was approved.

Students shall not be penalized for class absence due to unavoidable or legitimate required military obligations not to exceed two (2) weeks unless special permission is granted by the instructor. Students are responsible for notifying faculty members of such circumstances as far in advance as possible and for providing documentation to the instructor to verify the reason for the absence. The faculty member is responsible to provide reasonable accommodations or opportunities to make up exams or other course assignments that have an impact on the course grade. For absences due to a student being deployed for active duty, please refer to the University's Active Duty Call-Up Procedure.

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

1. Report of the Chancellor: The Governor is to give his budget speech on February 17. State financial crisis is increasing. Dr. Telfer is working with division heads and SPBC to plan for whatever is coming. The city and the University have signed an agreement to create a Tech Park on the southwest side of Whitewater using TIF financing. The

Chancellor expects faculty and students to be heavily involved in making it successful. The Fund for Wisconsin Scholars has been established by Mr. and Mrs. John Morgridge for students throughout the System – we expect our portion to be about \$128,000. Dr. Telfer is a Walworth County delegate to the regional Water Council.

2. Report of the Provost: Copies were distributed of the “One-year update on the UW System Growth Agenda for Wisconsin action steps”. The Provost reviewed the eleven action steps with the Senate, noting that the General Education Review Committee will look at step 1.

Report of the Senate Chair: Nominations are due for the Faculty Service Award. Departments are reminded to complete their promotion standards, if they have not.

1. Faculty Reps and Board of Regent meeting: The Regents received a report on nursing education and continued discussing professional doctorates. The Faculty Reps are pushing for improved communication between all governance groups.

8. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 3:46 PM on a Ossers/Ahmadi motion.