

Minutes

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: Barbara Bren, William Dougan, Jerry Gosen*, Robert Gruber, Chris Henige, Gayle Mercer, Karen Weston*, Max White (*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. Approved on an Ahmadi/Cartwright motion.
FS0708-10

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 and/or her/his designees,
2. "appropriate faculty governance representatives" shall mean the Faculty Senate Chair and/or her/his designees, 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>)
Approved with friendly amendments on a Portman/Emery motion. **FS0708-11**

3. Senate Executive Committee:

1. Endorsement of the Shared Governance Principles and Guidelines. Endorsed after debate on a Portman/Erdmann motion. **FS0708-12**

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. Approved after debate on a Ossers/Ghavamshahidi motion.

FS0708-13

3. Faculty Service Award Selection Committee (Steve Albrechtsen is continuing in 2008):
Choose two Faculty Senators for a two-year term ending 2009. Elena Bertozzi and Jim Molloy elected.
Choose one former recipient of the Faculty Service Award to serve a one-year term, 2007/2008. Robert Gruber elected.
Choose one Faculty Senator for a one-year term ending 2008. Jolly Emery elected.
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). Rowand Robinson elected.
7. **Announcements and Information** (no action unless noted otherwise)
 1. Report of the Chancellor:
 1. The ten proposed action items in the UW System's Strategic Framework, Advantage Wisconsin.
 2. Report of the Provost:
 1. The preliminary proposals for UW-Whitewater's next stage in the Growth Initiative.
 3. Report of the Senate Chair:
 1. New Governance Secretary, Rebecca Pechous
 2. Special Joint Meeting of Faculty Senate and Academic Staff Assembly with Ron Singer, Associate Vice-President for Academic Affairs; Lisa Kornetsky, Director of OPID, and Bob Jokisch, Special Assistant to Rebecca Martin, Senior Vice-President for Academic Affairs on Friday, February 22, in UC 259.
 3. Inclusive Excellence--draft for successor for Plan 2008. Asking for campus response.
 4. Resolutions:
 5. 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**