Faculty Senate
Meeting of March 9, 1999
2:15 p.m. in Room 219N of the James R. Connor University Center

Call to Order: Chair Erdmann called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

1. Roll Call:


Senators absent: Bradley, de Onis, Eamon (informed secretary), Griffin, Hanson (informed chair), Karges (informed secretary), Marks (informed chair), Powell (informed secretary), Yin.

2. Approval of minutes from February 9, 1999 meeting.

Epps/Monfils moved approval of the minutes of 2/9/99. Senator Rottet's name was misspelled. It will be corrected. The minutes were approved as corrected by unanimous consent.

3. Reports:

Special Order: Report of the University Promotion Standards Committee (Clayton Sager)

Sager offered drafts of: the Faculty Promotions Timetable, the Portfolio Promotion Review Process, and the University Promotion Standards. Sager requested that the UPSC be given feedback on each of its draft proposals.

Epps/Ghosh moved to table consideration of these draft proposals until the April 13 meeting and to request that at that time the Provost (or his designee) present the contents of "Green Binder." Motion passed.

Special Order: Report of the Plan 2008 Committee

(D. Phanord) Phanord distributed a table of continuing and proposed new initiatives and expanded activities to be carried out over the ten year duration of the plan. Comparative data from other UW institutions used to develop the plan indicate that there is variability among institutional plans. The Governor has proposed monetary support for the Plan in the second year of the upcoming biennium.

a. Report of the Search & Screen for the Chancellor

(K. Macur, S. Ghosh, F. Hanson, D. Phanord)

Note: Inadvertently, Phanord's name was left off of the agenda. The committee is involved in screening the original 44 candidates. The next step will be to interview (off-campus) the 12 remaining candidates. Subsequently, the final five or six candidates will be publicly identified and interviewed on campus.

b. Report of the Strategic Planning and Budget Committee

(S. Ghosh) Senator Ghosh indicated that the SPBC puts its current minutes and other information on the internet at http://www.uww.edu/SPBC/

c. Report of the University Promotion Standards Committee

(see above Special Order section)

d. Report of the University Curriculum Committee dated 1/22/99, part 9, "change in Undergraduate Grading Policy." Macur/Hogan moved that the item be removed from the table. Approved.

Macur/Clements moved to approve the proposed change in the undergraduate grading policy. Parks/Kozlowicz moved that this issue be included as a referendum to the faculty, in an addendum to the Spring elections. Yes: 17; No: 8. Motion Passed

(The question involved complexities of Parliamentary procedure, but eventually the body approved the
referral of the question to the faculty as part of the Spring election procedure. H.K.)

4. New Business
a. Select one faculty representative to the Summer Session Advisory Committee. Phanord/Ghosh nominated Hadley Klug. Nominations were closed and Klug was elected by unanimous consent.
b. Select three to five nominees from among the faculty for one faculty member of the UW-Whitewater Foundation's Board of Directors. Molloy nominated Ken Macur. Nominations were closed. Macur was elected by unanimous consent.
c. No other new business.

5. Announcements and information.
a. Next Faculty Senate meeting: 4/15/99, 2:15 P.M., UC 219. A special Faculty meeting has been called for Wednesday, April 7, 1999 at 3:30 P.M. in Barnett Theatre, Center of the Arts.
b. Board of Regent's meeting: 3/4-5/99. The chair reported that UW-System finds the 1999/2001 Biennial Budget to be the best budget recommendation from Gov. Thompson in a decade. It includes:
i. a pay plan of 5.2% in 1999/2000 and 5.2% 2000/2001 leaving UW faculty in the range of competitive institutions by 2001
ii. continuing appropriation authority allowing UW System not to raise tuition, but to use tuition money it brings in from increased enrollments without having to get special permission a lengthy process leaving UWS institutions unable to use the funds in the year in which they serve the students.
iii. Wisconsin Higher Education Grants UW-System urges that the Regents' policy of increasing financial aid as tuition increases should become statutory.
iv. $12.2 million for libraries including for collections, money desperately needed after 11 years of library budget reductions.
v. $2 million for student advising
vi. "Fair Sharing" as the burden on students has increased from 25% to 36% of the cost of their education, and as tuition has often been linked to salaries, pitting students and parents against faculty, UW-System asks the legislature to provide general revenue funds for students' education, including funds to support salaries for faculty and staff.