

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

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 2:20 PM.
2. **Calling of the roll**
 1. Senators present: Ahmadi, Albrechtsen, Bertozzi, Bren, Chen, Dougan, Drago, Emrey, Erdmann, Griffith, Henige, Hogan, Ghavamshahidi, Johnson, Kumpaty, Leitheiser, Lollar, McGuigan, Melton, Molloy, Munro, Ossers, Porter, Robinson, Samaranayake, Skelly, Splinter, Tourigny, Weston
 2. Senators absent: (*informed Secretary) Cartwright, Evangelista*, Gruber, Kolb, Mickelson, Nam, Portman*
3. **Approval of Minutes:**
 1. 2008/2009 Faculty Senate Meeting, February 10, 2009. Approved on a Hogan/Ossers motion.
4. **Reports of Committees:**
 1. University Curriculum Committee: No actions this month.
 2. Senate Executive Committee: Approved revised Salary Plan for 2009-2011. The Chancellor did not approve the Salary Plan as passed at the February meeting. After negotiations between the Chancellor, the Salary Committee, and the Senate Executive Committee, the attached plan was approved.
5. **Old Business:** None
6. **New Business:**
 1. Retirement Resolutions: None
 1. Mohammad Ahmadi's Resolution- Senate Chair Election Ahmadi/Dougan moved to consider the motion. Professor Ahmadi explained the rationale behind his resolution. The motion passed. As the subject of the resolution affects the rules of the Senate only, it does not require consideration by the Organization Committee.

Whereas the Faculty Senate at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater is the highest entity on campus to preserve and guarantee shared governance and defend the rights of the faculty; and

Whereas the Chair of the Faculty Senate plays a very important role in protecting and upholding the Constitution of the Faculty and standing for the faculty against outside pressures, and

*Whereas the Faculty Senate has the right to make an informed decision in electing the Chair of the Faculty Senate when there is more than one candidate; and
Whereas some senators, especially newly elected senators, do not know the candidates nominated at the May meeting of the new Faculty Senate;
Therefore be it resolved that the Secretary of Faculty Senate shall receive nominations for Chair of the Faculty Senate, obtain from the nominees short biographies, and make these biographies available to members of the new Faculty Senate not later than one week before the May meeting of the new Faculty Senate.*

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

1. Report of the Chancellor: The Chancellor spoke primarily about the budget situation. UWW-Whitewater is looking at approximately \$7.5 million over the biennium – \$5 million in lapse, the remainder in permanent cuts to both GPR and PR. He is working with SPBC and division heads to establish principles for the cuts. He does not plan to freeze hiring or travel support. The salary increase scheduled for June is in the Governor’s cost-to-continue and should be funded. There is some money in the Governor’s budget for high demand faculty and staff. Decisions have not yet been announced in Madison concerning the capital budget, but as the Carlson Hall remodeling is number one on the list the Chancellor expects that it should be approved and the Roseman Hall remodeling may be.
2. Report of the Provost: The Provost discussed the Program Realignment Initiative. She indicated that System was looking at cooperation between campuses on programs, the demand for certain courses, and programs with low and/or declining enrollments. See attachment.
3. Report of the Senate Chair:
 1. Myrna McCallister, Director of Library: Library directions. Director McCallister has been meeting with many groups and individuals across campus to learn their perceptions of the Library. She is creating a short-term focus group to discuss directions for the Library’s future. Senators wishing to serve on this group should contact her as soon as possible.
 2. Faculty Reps and Board of Regents meeting. The faculty representatives talked about salary compression across the System. They encourage faculty to attend the statewide hearing of the Joint Finance Committee (handout of scheduled meetings). Comments on the program realignment initiative or the textbook adoption proposal (handout) should be sent to the Chair for forwarding to the System. Copies of the System policy draft on “Retention/purge for courses hosted by Learn@UW (Desire2Learn) were distributed – Acting Provost Clements indicated that the System CIO’s had reviewed the document and Archivist Weston indicated that the Records Officers had also had input.

9. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:14 PM on an Ahmadi/Robinson motion.