

Minutes

**2003/2004 University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Faculty Senate
Tuesday, April 6, 2004, 2:15 p.m.
James R. Connor University Center 219**

1. Call to Order: Chair Erdmann called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.
2. Roll Call
 - a. Senators present: Ahmadi, Anderson, Aulerich, Bren, Cartwright, Epps, Erdmann, Habanek, Heyning, Hixson, Hogan, Huang, Johnson, Kapp, Klug, Kozlowicz, Lollar, Moini, Molloy, Oravec, Ossers, Porter, Portman, Samaranayake, Sawyer, Sherlock, Smudde, Topp, Wildermuth
 - b. Senators absent: Ghavamshahidi, *Jones, Parks, Rinaldi, Stinson, *Weston (*informed Secretary)
3. Approval of Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting, March 9, 2004: Ossers/Sawyer moved approval. Passed.
4. Reports of Committees
 - a. University Curriculum Committee: Transmittal of actions of the University Curriculum Committee meeting of Friday, March 5, 2004: Cartwright/Klug moved approval of actionable items. Passed. **FS0304-34**
 - b. ad hoc Committee to Examine the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) and Faculty Survey of Student Engagement (FSSE) (postponed from the March 9, 2004 meeting for lack of a quorum)
 - x. Portman/Johnson moved approval. After several amendments, main motion as amended passed. **FS0304-35**

*The Faculty Senate recommends that departments review their curricula **and other activities** to identify and catalog where students are given opportunities to interact with ~~students~~**people** from ~~different~~**diverse** backgrounds ~~and different racial and/or ethnic groups~~.*

- x. Huang/Sawyer moved approval as corrected. Passed. **FS0304-36**

*The Faculty Senate recommends that departments review their syllabi to identify the expectations of students contained in those syllabi, and to ~~review~~**revise** the syllabi where appropriate.*

- xii. Ahmadi/Habanek moved approval. Passed. **FS0304-37**

*The Faculty Senate recommends that departments discuss where **progression toward** higher-level mental activities ~~are~~**is** emphasized in their curricula and, when appropriate, work to include more challenging mental activities.*

- xiii. Topp/Kozlowicz moved approval. Passed. **FS0304-38**

The Faculty Senate recommends that departments include efforts to improve the educational environment (as indicated by the NSSE/FSSE results) in their annual goal-setting efforts.

- c. Faculty Senate Executive Committee: Epps/Klug moved approval. Passed. **FS0304-39**

Resolved that the Faculty Senate of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater recommends to the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents that the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater students who have applied for graduation in May 2004 and who have been certified by the University Registrar to have met all academic requirements and completed all of their courses of study be granted their degrees at the May 2004 University of Wisconsin-Whitewater commencement exercises.

5. New Business

- a. Retirement Resolution(s): - none
- b. Letter from Local 1131 Wisconsin State Employees Union concerning persons unexpectedly in offices when buildings are closed. Chair Erdmann will send a response containing a summary of points raised in discussion.
- c. Resolution forming an ad hoc committee to study faculty concerns about course evaluations: Epps/Sawyer moved approval. Ossers/Cartwright moved to postpone until the May Senate meeting: Passed.

Resolved that the Faculty Senate form an ad hoc committee to study faculty concerns about course evaluations and report on common concerns across the university. The committee is to include five faculty members, representing at least three constituencies and at least two ranks. The ad hoc committee is to report to the Faculty Senate at its November 2004 meeting.

- d. Elect one faculty member to represent the Faculty Senate on the Campus Landscape Planning Committee, term to expire 2006: David Cartwright, Professor, Philosophy and Religious Studies, was elected by ballot.
- e. Constituencies to elect members to the General Education Review Committee - Chair Erdmann will advertise again for nominations from Arts & Communication and Education.
 - i. Arts & Communication, term to expire 2006 (was Michael Allsen): no nominations
 - ii. Business & Economics, term to expire 2006 (was Jeffery Heinrich): Kozlowicz/Epps moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Thomas E Schweigert, Economics. Passed.
 - iii. Other, term to expire 2006 (was Vicky Topp): Kozlowicz/Kapp moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Victoria Topp, University Library. Passed.
 - iv. Education, term to expire 2006 (was John Zbikowski): no nominations
 - v. Education, term to expire 2006 (was Anne Stinson): no nominations
 - vi. Letters & Sciences, term to expire 2006 (was Anne Hamilton): Kozlowicz/Ahmadi moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Anne Hamilton, Political Science. Passed.
 - vii. Letters & Sciences, term to expire 2006 (was Abdelkrim Boukahil): Kozlowicz/Epps moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Hadley Klug, Sociology. Passed.

6. Announcements and Information

- a. Report of the Chancellor - none
- b. Report of the Provost - none
- c. Report of the Senate Chair
 - i. Resolutions from the March 9, 2004 Faculty Senate meeting (Note: The Senate chair postponed transmittal of resolutions resulting from the report of the ad hoc committee to examine the NSSE and FSSE pending the Senate's completing its actions.)
 1. FS0304-26: February 20, 2004 UCC
 - ii. Virginia Epps on approval of personnel rules
 1. Kozlowicz/Ossers moved to express thanks to Virginia Epps and the Faculty Personnel Rules Committee for an outstanding job. Chair Erdmann declared the motion approved by unanimous consent.
 - iii. TABOR: At its April 2, 2004 the UW Board of Regents expressed "grave concerns" about the form of "Taxpayer's Bill of Rights" Wisconsin Constitutional Amendments proposed as of April 1, 2004
 - iv. The composition of the search and screen committee for the next UW System President:
<http://www.wisconsin.edu/news/2004/r040305a.htm>
 - Regent David G. Walsh of Madison, chair
 - Regent Elizabeth Burmaster of Madison, Superintendent of Dept. of Public Instruction
 - Regent Charles Pruitt of Milwaukee
 - Regent Peggy Rosenzweig of Wauwatosa
 - Regent Jesus Salas of Milwaukee
 - Regent Beth Richlen of Madison, UW law student

- Regent President Emeritus Michael Grebe of Milwaukee
 - Regent President Emeritus Jay L. Smith of Middleton
 - Regent President Emeritus Thomas Lyon of Cambridge
 - Deborah Bowen, Lecturer, Occupational and Environmental Safety and Health, UW-Whitewater
 - Mark Bugher, Director UW-Madison University Research Park
 - David Hay, student government president, UW-Stout
 - Joseph Heim, Professor of Political Science, UW-La Crosse
 - Randall Ryder, Professor of Education, UW-Milwaukee
 - David Olien, Senior Vice President for Administration UW System
 - David Markee, Chancellor, UW-Platteville
 - Peter Spear, Provost, UW-Madison
 - Kathy Pletcher, Associate Provost, UW-Green Bay
- v. Senate Meeting Dates and Times
1. Faculty Senate: May 4. This will be the organizational meeting of the 2004-2005 senate and the final 2003/2004 meeting.
 2. Faculty Senate Executive Committee: April 20
- d. Other announcements - none

7. Adjournment: Epps/Ahmadi moved to adjourn at 3:24 p.m.