Minutes
2004/2005 University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Faculty Senate
Tuesday, September 14, 2004, 2:15 p.m.
James R. Connor University Center 219

1. Call to Order: Chair Erdmann called the meeting to order at 2:21 p.m.

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Minutes

4. Reports of Committees
   1. University Curriculum Committee: Transmittal of actions of Friday, May 7, 2004. Note: On June 2, 2004, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee approved Physics 212 "Physics for Elementary Teachers," item 6 on the May 7 UCC transmittal. The action was approved by Chancellor Miller on June 4, 2004 as FS0304-51EXEC. Weston/Ossers moved approval of actionable items. Passed. FS0405-01

5. Old Business
   1. Resolution regarding students' use of electronic devices in class (postponed from item 6.c. of the May 4, 2004 meeting): The Faculty Senate recognizes that electronic devices may be used inappropriately by students in the classroom. Unless specifically permitted by the instructor, all such portable equipment (including cell phones, audio/video recorders, PDAs) are to be turned off and put away during the class period, especially during examinations. The unauthorized use of any such technologies, including recording the contents of exams, text messaging to others within or outside the classroom, etc. may result in penalties authorized by the University's codes of misconduct. Epps/Weston moved approval. Passed. FS0405-03

6. New Business
   1. Retirement Resolution(s): None
   2. Appoint faculty to the Senate's Faculty Personnel Rules Committee (3 year terms); see http://www.uww.edu/uwwhdbk/committees/FC-Rules.htm
      1. One faculty member to be chosen by Senators representing Arts and Communication from among faculty of Arts and Communication; new exp. will be 2007 (was Peter Conover)
         1. Hixson/Kozlowicz moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot from the A&C constituency for Tom Colwin. Passed.
      1. One faculty member to be chosen by Senators representing Education from among faculty of Education; new exp. will be 2007 (was Penny Portman)
         1. Epps/Ossers moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot from the Education constituency for Penny Portman. Passed.
      2. One faculty member to be chosen by Senators representing "Other" from among faculty of "Other"; new exp. will be 2007 (was Barbara Bren)
         1. Topp/Weston moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot from the Other constituency for Barbara Bren. Passed.
3. FYI terms continuing:
   1. Jerry Laurent (B&E) 2006
   2. Bill Powell (L&S) 2005
   3. Hadley Klug (At-large) 2005
   4. Virginia Epps (At-large) 2006

3. Appoint one faculty to serve on the Student Non-Academic Misconduct Committee, term to expire 2006. (This appointment is to replace Claudia Rinaldi, originally appointed 12/9/03). David Goldblum, Associate Professor, Geography elected by a show of hands.

4. University Center Board; see http://www.uww.edu/uwwhdbk/committees/SC-UC.htm (One faculty member to be chosen from among Senate nominees): new exp. will be 2006 (was exp. 2004: Marvin Free) (FYI: term continuing, to exp. 2005, Peggy Anderson) Daniel Kim, Assistant Professor, Art elected by a show of hands.

5. Course Repeat Policy (proposed revisions attached; current policy available at http://www.uww.edu/registrar/repeats.php) Epps/Portman moved approval with editorial changes suggested by Registrar Dan Edlebeck. Passed. FS0405-04

7. Announcements and Information (no action unless noted otherwise)
   1. Report of the Chancellor
      1. Faculty and Staff Professional Development Plan. The institution needs to make an ongoing commitment to professional development of UW-W employees. A description of the plan was distributed. An additional announcement will be coming via broadcast e-mail.
      2. Retention and Our Overall Student Population. UW-W's long term retention and student population plan is to maintain our overall enrollment by taking fewer freshmen, but having more juniors and seniors through the various retention and graduation efforts as well as higher entry ability of new students. Retention and graduation data were distributed.
   3. Annual Report Card was distributed.

2. Report of the Provost
   1. Mission Statement. At the 9/09/04 Board of Regents meeting, UW-W presented the first reading of the revised mission statement.
   2. NSSE/FSSE. Deans and Department chairs received a memo from the Provost reminding them of the Faculty Senate's resolutions regarding the NSSE/FSSE. Deans are to report progress in this area to the Provost. Department chairs are to report progress in this area to their respective deans. The latest NSSE data will be shared with the Faculty Senate at the October meeting.
   3. The Higher Learning Commission will be at UW-W in March, 2006 for an accreditation visit. A campus-wide team, led by John Stone, has been assembled to lead the effort to prepare for this visit.
   4. The Board of Regents has indicated that it is interested in more detailed information regarding what universities are doing to reach the goals of Plan 2008. UW-W is doing well on most measures. One area where improvement is needed, however, is in raising the graduation rate of multicultural students.
   5. A campus-wide group has been meeting on the issue of "Writing Across the Curriculum". This group recently sent a letter on its progress via broadcast e-mail and more information will be forthcoming.

3. Report of the Senate Chair
   1. Update on University, College, and Department Promotion and Tenure Standards. Richard Brooks, 2003-2004 chair of the University Standards Committee, distributed a memo sent to Deans, Constituency Promotion Committee Chairs and Department Chairs on the likelihood of changes in university standards and the major issues that the committee will be discussing in the next few months. It was also indicated that the University Standards Committee is likely to have proposed changes to university standards ready for review soon.
   2. Four Senate vacancies to be filled by Faculty Elections Committee in special Fall 2004 elections:
      1. one vacancy, to represent Asst. Prof. and Instructors, by run-off election, new term to exp. 2006
      2. two vacancies to represent Arts and Communication, by election, Fall 2004, new term to exp. 2005
3. One vacancy to represent Education, by election, Fall 2004, new term to exp. 2005

3. Resolutions from the May 4, 2004 Senate meeting
1. FS0304-40: UCC actions of Friday, April 2, 2003; Chancellor Miller approved 5/14 /04
2. FS0304-41: UCC actions of Friday, April 16, 2003; Chancellor Miller approved 5/14 /04
3. FS0304-42: report of the Audit and Review committee; sent to Chancellor FYI 5/10/04
4. FS0304-43: an ad hoc committee to study faculty concerns about course evaluations; sent to Chancellor FYI 5/10/04
5. FS0304-44: retirement of Amy Arntson, Art; Chancellor Miller approved 5/14 /04
6. FS0304-45: retirement of Jean Maushund, Instructional Technology and Business; Chancellor Miller approved 5/14 /04
7. FS0304-46: retirement of G.M. Naidu, Marketing; Chancellor Miller approved 5/14 /04
8. FS0304-47: retirement of Willie Myers, Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Coaching and Intercollegiate Athletics; Chancellor Miller approved 5/14 /04
9. FS0304-48: the retirement of Sharon Tiffany, Women's Studies and Anthropology; Chancellor Miller approved 5/14 /04
10. FS0304-49: the retirement of Walter Tiffany, Women's Studies and Anthropology; Chancellor Miller approved 5/14 /04
11. FS0304-50: revised Select Mission of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater (4/20/04); Chancellor Miller approved 5/14 /04

4. Senate Meeting Dates and Times
1. Faculty Senate: October 12, 2004; November 9 2004; December 7, 2004; February 1, 2005; March 8, 2005; April 12, 2005; May 3, 2005
2. Faculty Senate Executive Committee: September 28, 2004; October 26, 2004; November 23, 2004; January 18, 2005; February 22, 2005; March 29, 2005; April 19, 2005

5. Recently deceased UWW students, faculty, and staff
1. Kathryn Mayer
   August 25, 2003
   Freshman Undeclared Major
2. Cody Royal
   August 31, 2003
   Sophomore Pre-Business
3. Jessica Delo
   September 24, 2003
   Sophomore Human Services Major
4. Robyn Bowers
   December 5, 2003
   Sophomore Journalism Major
5. Leah Childre
   January 30, 2004
   Freshman Education Major
6. Judy A. Kulinski
   October 5, 2003
   Custodian, May 16, 1983 to September 30, 2001
7. Eugene A. Robbins
   July 5, 2004
   Security Guard, 1966 to 1976
8. Loretta Stradinger
   March 9, 2004
   Mail Services, September 2, 1969 to November 24, 1984
9. William Chevrette
   November 23, 2003
   Communicative Disorders, September 1, 1973 to December 24, 1992
10. Henry A. DeWind  
   January 15, 2004  
   History, September 1, 1952 to May 23, 1983

11. Howard G. Field  
   July 14, 2004  
   Curriculum and Instruction, September 1, 1966 to July 1, 1992

12. Alyce M. Greene  
   January 20, 2004  
   Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, March 1, 1948 to December 22, 1976

13. Thomas C. Klug  
   April 6, 2004  
   Director of Financial Services, May 17, 1970 to August 9, 1996

6. Higher Learning Commission. John Stone is the campus coordinator of the self study underway this academic year to prepare for the March 2006 visit of the Higher Learning Commission. Handouts of the process and of the members of various committees was distributed.

7. TABOR update. The chair informed members of legislative activity related to TABOR that took place over the summer months. It is likely that a version of the amendment will be introduced as Senate Bill 1 in January, 2005.

8. '05-'07 proposed University of Wisconsin System budget. Over the past 15 years, the universities have fallen from about 12 percent of overall state spending to roughly eight percent. The Regent's 2005-07 budget request is intended to help recover from $250 million in cuts in 2003-05. It calls for a 7.2 percent increase in state support, a 4.3 percent annual tuition increase, financial aid for families in the bottom 40 percent of family income, a recouping of some faculty and staff positions, and $19 million in debt service to upgrade classrooms and labs, replace some academic facilities, including some at UW-W. The UW System will formally forward its budget request to the Governor 15 September 04.

9. Other Announcements. Updated "Mandatory Information for Course Syllabi" was distributed.

8. Adjournment: Ghavamshahidi/Kapp moved to adjourn at 3:45 p.m.