Minutes
2003/2004 University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Faculty Senate
Tuesday, October 7, 2003, 2:15 p.m.
James R. Connor University Center 219
http://www.uww.edu/facsenate

1. Call to Order: Chair Erdmann called the meeting to order at 2:18 p.m.

2. Roll Call
   b. Senators absent: Anderson, de Onis, Kapp, *Molloy, *Weston (*informed Secretary)

3. Approval of Minutes

4. Reports of Committees
   a. University Curriculum Committee
      i. Transmittal of actions of the University Curriculum Committee meeting of Friday, May 9, 2003: Cartwright/Hogan moved approval of actionable items. Passed. FS0304-5
      ii. Transmittal of actions of the University Curriculum Committee meeting of Friday, September 19, 2003
          1. Erdmann noted two additional listings under item 9 "Deletion of a Submajor" on page 4: Applied Mathematics and Computer Science Broadfield, and Applied Mathematics of the Earth System and Space Sciences Broadfield.
          2. Hixson/Ahmadi moved approval of actionable items. Passed. FS0304-6
   b. Faculty Senate Executive Committee
      i. In a Sept. 12 letter, Chancellor Miller requested an appointment of someone from the Senate by Sept. 21 to serve on the ad hoc Task Force on Diversity "with particular emphasis on issues of concern to women." Acting under the UWW Faculty Constitution Sec. 4 A. 2., the Executive Committee recommended Prof. Geethamali Samaranayake, Mathematical and Computer Sciences. Dr. Samaranayake agreed to serve. - information only, no action
      ii. Proposed resolution on a "firewall" for online syllabi - withdrawn
      iii. Proposed resolution on across-the-board sharing of the premium payment for health insurance: Hogan/Parks moved approval of the resolution. Passed. FS0304-7

Whereas, the adoption of a system requiring all UW System faculty and academic staff to pay a substantial part of their health insurance premium for 2003-04 would impose a hardship on many lower paid academic staff and faculty, reduce take-home pay of all UW-System faculty and academic staff if unaccompanied by a pay increase, and shift cost of increased health insurance to the employees while doing little to reduce overall costs of health care;

be it resolved that the UW-Whitewater Faculty Senate opposes change to mandatory, across-the board sharing of the premium payment for health insurance in the benefit package.

iv. Proposed resolution on further budget cuts to UW System: Ossers/Epps moved approval. Passed. FS0304-8

Whereas, in 1973-74 General Purpose Revenue support for the UW System was 50 percent of the state's total budget, but in 2003_2004 GPR support will comprise just 27 percent; and

Whereas, in 1973-74 support for UW System support comprised 14.4 percent of the state's GPR budget but by 2005 will comprise only 7 percent;
Whereas, the UW System's base budget for 2001-03 was cut $50 million;
Whereas, the UW System's base budget for 2003-05 was cut $250 million, a disproportionate 38 percent of state budget cuts;
be it resolved that the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Faculty Senate,
opposes any further base budget cuts to the UW System--including UW System administration, UW doctoral universities, UW comprehensive universities, UW colleges, and UW extension;
opposes any further erosion of the "Wisconsin Idea," as academic expertise is needed to assist local, regional, and state policymakers to find solutions to issues facing Wisconsin in the 21st century;
urges that the state's 2005-2007 budget not include any cuts targeted at the UW System and its institutions; and
urges Wisconsin State Legislators and our Wisconsin Governor instead as soon as possible to make redoubled financial commitments needed to rebuild the UW System so it can provide Wisconsin citizens excellent education both as a means to their personal satisfaction and to restoring and maintaining our state's economic health.

5. New Business
   a. Retirement Resolution(s) - none
   b. Appoint
      i. University Center Board; see http://www.uww.edu/uwwhdbk/committees/SC-UC.htm
         (One faculty member to be chosen from among Senate nominees): Peggy Anderson was appointed (exp. 2005).
         (FYI: term continuing, to exp. 2004, Marvin Free)
      ii. Sexual Assault Prevention Advisory Committee; see attachment and http://www.uww.edu/uwwhdbk/committees/ac-assault.htm
         (One faculty member to be chosen from among Senate nominees): Kozlowicz/Ahmadi moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Beth Lueck. Passed.
         (FYI: term continuing, Peggy Anderson)

6. Announcements and Information (no action unless noted otherwise)
   b. Report of the Provost
      i. Provost Telfer distributed copies of the core values and three draft documents amended to reflect the core values (campus mission, objectives, and goals). He welcomed Senators' responses and suggestions, noting that the documents and a link for providing responses will be made available online. The revised mission statement will come before governance bodies before it goes to the Board of Regents. Erdmann offered faculty the alternative of sending feedback to facsenate@uw.edu if they wish to remain anonymous.
      ii. At the request of the Senate Provost Telfer has formed a committee to examine the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) and Faculty Survey of Student Engagement (FSSE) data. The committee is to identify some themes and make recommendations.
      iii. The Wisconsin Technical College System and the UW System are working on credit transfer agreements and the possibility of common content for transferrable courses.
      iv. The Wisconsin Assembly's Committee on Colleges and Universities was holding a public hearing on Tuesday, October 7, on the bill (AB377) to restrict payment for sabbaticals to gifts or grants. (Note: The bill was not advanced from the committee--Chair Erdmann, 10/16/03)
   c. Report of the Assistant to the Chancellor for Affirmative Action - none
   d. Report of the Senate Chair
      i. UW-System "Legislative Update"
      ii. Resolutions from the September 9, 2003
         1. FS0304-01: recommend eliminating the Faculty Disciplinary Hearing Committee and assigning its functions to the Faculty Appeals and Grievances Committee; transmitted to Organization Committee 9/10/03
         2. FS0304-02: grade designation indicating failure to attend classes; Chancellor approved 9/22/03
3. FS0304-03: naming the biology museum for Jack Cummings; Chancellor approved 9/22/03
4. FS0304-04: additional naming opportunity in the new B&E building; Chancellor approved 9/22/03

iii. Senate Meeting Dates and Times
1. Faculty Senate: November 11, 2003; December 9, 2003; February 3, 2004; March 9, 2004; April 6, 2004; and May 4, 2004
2. Faculty Senate Executive Committee: October 28, 2003; November 25, 2003; January 20, 2004; February 24, 2004; March 16, 2004; and April 20, 2004

e. Other announcements

7. Adjournment: Ahmadi/Porter moved to adjourn at 3:27 p.m.