MINUTES

for

SPRING FACULTY MEETING 2012

March 13, 2012

4:00-5:30pm

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1. The meeting was called to order by Chancellor Telfer at 4:05 p.m. There was a quorum.

2. Approval of minutes of the March 15, 2011 Faculty meeting, and approval of the notes (no quorum) of the October 13, 2011 Faculty meeting.
   Approved on a Gulig/Ahmadi motion.

3. Organization Committee Report Yezdi Godiwalla, Chair of the Organization Committee, sent word that the committee has been working on various items, but it had nothing to report at the current Faculty meeting.

4. Faculty Governance and the university budget
   a. Budget Flexibilities Status Update with Q & A
      Chancellor Telfer, Aimee McCann, Budget Officer and Jeff Arnold, Vice Chancellor for Administrative Affairs, provided updates on the progress toward determining the flexibilities (Act 32) and discussed the effects that they (e.g., block grants, new tuition rules) might have when they are created and implemented.
      They also provided insight into the procedures that are currently being used.
   b. Role of Faculty Budget & Salary Committees, as per faculty constitution and in practice (facilitated by members of Faculty Organization, Budget &/or Salary Committees)
      Steve Albrechtsen, a current member of the Faculty Budget Committee provided a history of the Committee. It started out as the Strategic Planning and Budget Committee in 1991 and reported to the Chancellor and delivered reports to the Faculty Senate. The Committee then split into the Landscape Committee and the Budget Committee. The Landscape Committee continues working. The Budget Committee has members, but it has stopped working since the early 2000s.
      Currently there is a working University Strategic Planning Committee. Faculty comprise about 20% of the Committee.
There was some discussion about the need for a Faculty Budget Committee, what it means to have one, what its duties would be and whether it should continue. Also discussed was the Organization Committee’s role in determining Committees’ duties and dissolution.

5. Set Date & Request Agenda Items for Fall Faculty Meeting
   The Chancellor suggested that the Fall Faculty meeting be held after the October 2012 Faculty Senate meeting. He also asked for suggestions for an agenda.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m. The quorum was lost.

WI Stat. 36.09.04: “The faculty of each institution, subject to the responsibilities and powers of the board, the president and the chancellor of such institution, shall be vested with responsibility for the immediate governance of such institutions and shall actively participate in institutional policy development. As such, the faculty shall have the primary responsibility for academic and educational activities and faculty personnel matters. The faculty of each institution shall have the right to determine their own faculty organizational structure and to select representatives to participate in institutional governance.”