



Minutes of the UWRF Faculty Senate for November 29, 2006

Vol. 31 No. 12.

Representation	Term Expires 2007	Term Expires 2008	Term Expires 2009
<i>CAFES</i>	Bob Baker	Laine Vignona	
<i>CAS</i>	Wes Chapin	Patricia Berg**	Peter Johansson
	Larry Harred	John Heppen	
	Barbara Werner (Tracey Gladstone-Sovell)		
<i>COEPS</i>		Ogden Rogers	Michael Miller
<i>CBE</i>			Glenn Potts
<i>4th Division</i>	Cara Rubis	Gregg Heinselman	Sarah Egerstrom
<i>At Large</i>		Brenda Boetel (Jr)**	Melissa Wilson (Jr)
	Karl Peterson (Jr)	Dawn Hukai (Sr)	David Rainville (Sr)
	Nan Jordahl (Sr)		Terry Ferriss (Sr)
	Charlie Hurt*		

* Chancellor's Designee

** Absent

() Substitute

Call to Order: W. Chapin called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m in the Regents Room of the Student Center.

Seating of Substitutes:

Guests: Valerie Malzacher Library Committee, Travis Tubre Liaison to Academic Staff Council, Lowell McCann University Curriculum Committee

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of November 15, 2006 were approved as corrected by general consent.

Chair's Report:

- Wes Chapin reported that that Handbook Review Committee will meet prior to Finals to discuss revisions to the Handbook so it reflects actions passed by the Senate.
- At the Faculty Representatives meeting after the last faculty senate meeting UWS-7 was discussed. UWS-7 is on the Regents' agenda and will pass with a minor definitional change of UWS 7.025 Definition: In this chapter, "consult"

means thoroughly reviewing and discussing the relevant facts and discretionary issues. Wes Chapin reported that if the Regents do not act the Legislature will view it as a negative action and the Legislature may consider changes to shared governance.

- Wes Chapin reported that the Chancellor did not sign Faculty Senate Motion 29; a motion from Faculty Welfare and Personnel Policies Committee to incorporate the Committee's recommended revisions into the final draft of the campus Criminal Background Check policy. Provost Hurt stated that system had expanded the window for campuses to look over the issue that gives UWRF time to reconcile differences between HR and faculty governance.

Other Reports:

- Travis Tubre, Faculty Liaison to the Academic Staff Council, reported that his duties are to consult with the Academic Staff Council and use his experience as an Industrial Organization Psychologist to work with development issues for Academic Staff to improve a mentoring program and to improve professional socialization and orientation at UWRF for Academic Staff.
- Lowell McCann of the University Curriculum Committee reported that 86 courses have come through the Committee and that with the Registrars Office they are working on paperless proposals and to rearrange the course proposal process so that UCC will be the last stop for all courses as is intended.
- Valerie Malzacher, Library Directory and member of the Library Committee, reported on the Library's budget and the need for further journal cancellations. Valerie Malzacher reported that online access to journals are increasing and reported on current initiatives at the Library and the results of the faculty response to the 2004 LibQual survey.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

Proposal 1: A second reading of a motion from the University Curriculum Committee to recommend changes to the Faculty Senate By-Laws and to renumber/re-letter subsequent committee descriptions appropriately. Karl Peterson and John Heppen first and seconded the motion respectively. Lowell McCann spoke to the issue. Glenn Potts moved to offer an Amendment to insert according to University Curriculum Committee Purposes in item 4.a after To receive and evaluate. Ogden Rogers seconded. The amendment passed by a vote of 17 yes and 2 no. Glenn Potts offered his appreciation to the work of the UCC. The main motion passed by unanimous vote.

Proposal 2: Second reading of a motion from the Executive Committee to recommend approval of the revised UWS-7. John Heppen and Mike Miller first and seconded the

motion respectively. Wes Chapin stated that the Regents will most likely vote to adopt UWS-7 at the next Regents' meeting. Wes Chapin stated in his opinion the pros and cons of a yes and no vote by the Faculty Senate. A yes vote could lend credibility to shared governance and to long-term policy decisions made by the Regents. A no vote would have no impact on the UWS-7. Wes Chapin reported that the Regents wanted to have a policy because a stand of no policy could threaten shared governance. Senators raised questions about UWS 7.03 Dismissal for cause, UWS 7.04 Report Responsibility, UWS 7.06 Temporary Suspension without pay and 7.06 (a) and the due process procedure and the financial burden of suspension without pay. The motion failed by a vote of 1 yes, 16 no and 1 abstention.

Proposal 3: First reading of a motion from the FWPP regarding Eligibility Criteria for Administering Course Evaluations.

Proposal 4: First reading of a motion from the General Education Committee to amend Chapter III of the Handbook, replacing the current language for the General Education Committee's membership with the language below, to make the changes to the committee's membership effective immediately, and to include two extra Faculty Senate appointees for the remainder of the 2006-07 academic year. The two "extra" appointees shall be drawn from the current membership of the General Education Committee to ensure that no current member is removed from the committee prior to the end of the 2006-07 academic year.

Proposal 5: First reading of a motion from the International Programs Committee regarding membership and duties.

Proposal 6: First reading of a Motion from the Executive Committee to place the Disability Advisory Committee under Chapter 3 of the Faculty Handbook.

Discussion regarding Faculty Senate Committee Appointments

Faculty senators discussed ways to encourage service. They included awards, recognition from the administration, culture change, and drafting faculty to serve on committees.

Discussion regarding Strategic Planning Prioritization

Wes Chapin and Provost Hurt reported on the planning prioritization process. They reported that nothing was dropped and that they will meet again during finals week after receiving feedback from the community and that Strategic Planning Goal 3 was not dropped. It was not placed on the timeline because similar work is being conducted on campus by the ITS redesign task force.

New Business Miscellaneous: none

Adjournment: Ogden Rogers moved to adjourn at 5:34 pm. It was seconded by John Heppen and passed by general consent.