



Minutes of the UWRF Faculty Senate for March 21, 2007,

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Representation	Term Expires 2007	Term Expires 2008	Term Expires 2009
<i>CAFES</i>	Bob Baker (Tony Jilek)	Laine Vignona	
<i>CAS</i>	Wes Chapin (Tracy Gladstone-Sovell)	Patricia Berg (David Furniss)**	Peter Johansson
	Larry Harred	John Heppen	
	Barbara Werner (Gordon Hedahl)		
<i>COEPS</i>		Ogden Rogers	Michael Miller
<i>CBE</i>			Glenn Potts
<i>4th Division</i>	Cara Rubis (Kristie Feist)	Gregg Heinselman	Sarah Egerstrom
<i>At Large</i>		Brenda Boetel (Jr) (Gregg Hadley)	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: Ogden Rogers called the meeting to order at 3:40pm.

Seating of Substitutes: Gregg Hadley for Brenda Boetel and Tracy Gladstone-Sovell for Wes Chapin, Tony Jilek for Bob Baker, Gordon Hedahl for Barbara Werner

Guests: Dan Vande Yacht, Sandra Oftedahl, Rick Bowen, Teri Crotty, Hossein Najafi, Rich Wallace, Jeff Rosenthal.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved as corrected.

Vice-Chair's Report:

Ogden Rogers reported that an open call for nominations for at-large senate elections and the termination committee will be sent soon.

Other Reports:

Athletic Director, Rick Bowen, reported on the current state of the Athletic Department with reports on participation rates based on gender, coaching staff, budgets, compliance with Title IX and facilities.

Unfinished Business:

Proposal 2 postponed from Feb. 28, 2007 Faculty Senate Meeting: Resolution from the Faculty Senate's Executive Committee supporting the Information and Instructional Technology Committee's request to provide reassignment time for the proposed faculty chair of the Information and Instructional Technology Council. Hossein Najafi spoke to the issue. Vice-Chair Ogden Rogers brought the postponed proposal to the table without any objection. Charlie Hurt stated their office offers support for the resolution and would like to see the Senate come back with a look at what other committees with large workloads need reassignment time. The motion passed with 13 yes votes, 0 no votes and 6 abstentions.

Proposal 10 postponed from Feb. 28, 2007 Faculty Senate Meeting: A motion from Handbook Review Committee to add a new introduction to the handbook was brought to the table by Vice-Chair Ogden Rogers without any objection. Sarah Engerstrom had a question about Chapter 6 and its proper placement since changes to Chapter 6 are brought back to the Academic Staff Council. Terry Ferriss proposed a friendly amendment seconded by Nan Jordahl to remove Chapter 6 from the last line in the last row and place Chapter 6 in its own row to reflect that changes to Chapter 6 are initiated by the Academic Staff Council and that other items in the columns are initiated by ACS or non-applicable. The motion passed unanimously with 20 yes votes.

Proposal 13 postponed from Feb. 28, 2007 Faculty Senate Meeting: A motion from the Academic Standards Committee (12 February 2007), to replace the existing language in the *Faculty/Academic Staff Handbook* Section 8.2.17 of Chapter 8 with new language and an amendment

Nan Jordahl moved to amend the motion by removing "The I remains on the transcript with the note that the work was completed." and replacing it with When the coursework is completed, the I grade is removed from the student's records. Larry Harred seconded the amendment.

Vice-Chair Ogden Rogers brought the proposal to the table without any objection. Discussion continued on the proposed amendment Dan Vande Yacht and Sandra Oftedahl spoke to the issue. Glenn Potts stated that the wording of the amendment needs to be changed to have its true intent. Sandra Oftedahl stated that removing the I grade and the any notation to an I grade presents challenges to the Financial Aid office in regards to SMART. Terry Ferriss spoke in favor of the amendment. Charlie Hurt stated that we may be using the I grade inappropriately. The amendment failed with 6 yes votes and 9 no votes. Discussion returned to the main motion. Nan Jordahl moved to amend the motion by inserting The notation for I and SP is taken off of the students' records when the

course work is completed. Larry Harred seconded the amendment. Peter Johansson asked when a student receives an I is there notation. Dan Vande Yacht replied no, just an I. Terry Ferriss asked if anyone from Academic Standards was in attendance. Dawn Hukai replied that the motion was the result of a compromise. Tracy Gladstone-Sovell asked I and SP are treated the same. Dan Vande Yacht replied that they are treated differently. The amendment passed with 13 yes votes, 5 no votes and 2 abstentions. Discussion returned to the main motion. Nan Jordahl stated that we should eliminate the part where the student must resolve all outstanding I and SP grades for graduation. Terry Ferriss moved to amend the motion by striking Graduation: The student must resolve all outstanding I and SP grades before the diploma is granted. David Rainville seconded the amendment. The amendment failed with 4 yes votes, 15 no votes and 0 abstentions. The main motion passed with 18 yes votes, 2 no votes and 0 abstentions.

New Business:

Proposal 1: Second reading of a motion from the ILTC to approve the revised technology committees structures. Glenn Potts and Michael Miller first and seconded the motion respectively. The motion passed with 16 yes votes and 1 no vote.

Proposal 2: Second reading of a motion from the Executive Committee to clarify the appointment processes. John Heppen and Karl Peterson first and seconded the motion respectively. The motion passed with 18 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention.

Proposal 3: Second reading of a motion from the Executive Committee to change the “Responsibilities” of the Faculty and Academic Staff Development Board. John Heppen and Melissa Wilson first and seconded the motion respectively. Nan Jordahl moved to amend the motion by striking and procedures. The motion passed with 11 yes votes, 6 no votes and 0 abstentions. The main motion passed with 17 yes votes, 1 no vote and 0 abstentions.

Proposal 4: A motion from the Calendar Committee to approve the 2009-10 academic calendar was made by Gordan Hedahl and Peter Johansson. Jeff Rosenthal from Chemistry spoke about the impact the calendar would have on teaching chemistry and how it would be a disruption for students. The motion passed with 15 yes votes, 3 no votes and 1 abstention.

Proposal 5: A motion from the Diversity Committee to support a Resolution in Support of Domestic Partner Benefits for State Employees. Charlie Hurt and Tracy Gladstone-Sovell first and seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Proposal 6: A motion from the General Education Committee to approve revisions to Goal One. John Heppen and Sarah Egerstrom first and seconded the motion. Rich Wallace spoke to the issue. The motion passed unanimously.

Proposal 7: A motion from the General Education Committee to allow departments to:

1. continue using the Current Goals, Criteria and Outcomes until re-approval.
- or-
2. implement the revised Goals, Criteria and Outcomes.

John Heppen and Nan Jordahl first and seconded the motion respectively. The motion passed unanimously.

Proposal 7a: A motion from the Executive Committee to appoint Karen Klyczek as Chair of the General Education Committee for the 2007-2008 academic year was passed by general consent.

Proposal 8: A motion from APP to approve a program title change. Name change to: Communication Studies and Theatre Arts. Old name: Speech Communication and Theatre Arts. John Heppen and Peter Johansson first and seconded the motion respectively. The motion passed unanimously.

Proposal 9: A motion from APP to approve program requirement changes to Theatre Major and Minor, Speech Communications major and Mass Communication Emphasis and Minor. David Rainville and Terry Ferriss first and seconded the motion respectively. The motion passed unanimously.

Proposal 10: A motion from APP to approve a Substantial Major/Minor content change in Business Administration MIS Option. David Rainville and Charlie Hurt first and seconded the motion respectively. The motion passed unanimously.

Proposal 11: A motion from the Executive Committee to amend something previously passed. The executive committee moves to amend UW-RF Faculty Senate Motion 2006-2007/52. At the February 14, 2007 meeting of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Faculty Senate, motion 2006-2007/52 was made, seconded, and passed. Motion from Faculty Welfare and Personnel Policies to adopt the attached Criminal Background Check/Investigation Policy. The executive committee moves to remove “policy” and replace it with “plan” so the title reads **BACKGROUND CHECK IMPLEMENTATION PLAN** instead of **BACKGROUND CHECK IMPLEMENTATION POLICY.** David Rainville and Peter Johansson first and seconded the motion respectively. The motion passed with 17 yes votes, 1 no vote and 1 abstention.

Adjournment: Terry Ferriss and David Rainville moved to adjourn at 5:30pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectively Submitted,

John Heppen
Secretary UWRF Faculty Senate.