



Minutes of the UWRF Faculty Senate for September 12, 2007,

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Representation	Term Expires 2010	Term Expires 2008	Term Expires 2009
CAFES	Kris Hiney	Laine Vignona	
CAS	Wes Chapin	Patricia Berg	Peter Johansson
	Karl Peterson	John Heppen	
COEPS		Ogden Rogers	Michael Miller
CBE			Glenn Potts
4th Division	Kristie Feist	Gregg Heinselman	Sarah Egerstrom
	Kristen Hendrickson		
At Large		Brenda Boetel (Jr)	Melissa Wilson (Jr)
	Sarah Parks (Jr)	Dawn Hukai (Sr)	David Rainville (Sr)
	David Furniss (Sr)		Terry Ferriss (Sr)
	Connie Foster*		

* Chancellor's Designee

** Absent

() Substitute

Call to Order: David Rainville called the meeting to order at 3:35pm

Seating of Substitutes: none

Guests: none

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of 6-06-07 (v. 32 n. 2) were approved as corrected. Ogden Rogers moved to approve and John Heppen seconded.

Chairs Report

I have relatively little to report as I have been off to a slow start. As most of you already know, I did undergo surgery on August 2, 2007 to deal with a problem that has been troubling me for a long time. Specifically, I suffer from advanced diverticula disease. This is not fatal, nor is it cancerous. With the surgery I underwent, hopefully it will not return to bother me, and after I am fully recovered, I should be better than before.

One major thing that I do need to report is that with the exception of motion 2006-2007/121 all of the other outstanding motions from the 2006-2007 senate have been signed and returned by the Chancellor. They should soon if not already posted on the Senate website. Motion 121 stated that the UWRF Faculty Senate does not recognize the November 2006 document on workplace violence. This motion is in effect irrelevant/moot as the Chancellor did sign and approve the Campus Workplace Violence Policy prepared by Glenn's Committee. Other motions approved include the motion from AP&P regarding the decision making of policies that may impact academic programs and notification of stakeholders that are impacted. The motion stating that all faculty appointments to *ad hoc* and permanent standing committees was signed and approved. The motion creating seven one-quarter release times for chairs of heavily loaded Faculty Senate Committees was signed unapproved. To my memory the remainder of the motions were signed and approved.

All of the motions of the 2007-2008 Faculty Senate passed on June 6, 2007 have been signed and approved by the Chancellor. There were six. And you can find them in the minutes of the meeting we just approved.

The Executive Committee has met with senior Leadership intermittently through out the summer to discuss some issues, mainly the unsigned motions. But other matters were discussed which will eventually make their way to appropriate committees.

I attended The Chancellor's Council yesterday morning where topics of discussion included HLC/NCA Preparation, Strategic Planning/UPG; A University Security update and campus crisis intervention; A UWRF Foundation Report; A report on a policy sign-off process for eSIS, a policy/process that university employees understand applicable laws and institutional policies that govern use of information gathered and maintained by the University in order to carry out its mission; a preliminary enrollment report was offered by Alan Tuchtenhagen basically indicating that there is an increase in enrollment over last year. The numbers are preliminary and he requested that they not be released until they are modified or confirmed.

I have started to get specific charges out to committee chairs and should finish by next week.

I am planning on attending the next Faculty Representatives meeting in Madison on Friday, September 28, 2007. This will be my first Faculty Reps. Meeting as the one I attended on May 4, 2007 was a joint meeting with Academic Staff Reps. This may have been a disadvantage for me as I believe many issues could have been discussed at a summer meeting which would be relevant to the start of our year. No such summer meeting was held.

The Board of Regents will meet at UWRF on October 4 and 5. Exactly what role if any we will play in this meeting has yet to be determined or discussed.

Finally, I should report that the BOR has recommended/voted to discontinue the practice of using colleague coverage as a means of maintaining sick leave. Colleagues will still be able to cover your classes, but you will need to still report the time as sick and it will reduce the remaining sick leave that you have accrued. The hope is that this will protect the accumulated sick leave benefit that we currently enjoy. This benefit does allow us to convert the remaining sick leave into a fund which is used to pay insurance premiums after retirement. This is a huge benefit which needs to be protected.

Introduced Stacey Phillips as new LTE for Faculty Senate

Unfinished Business

Proposal 3 from the 5-2-07 Faculty Senate Meeting: Second reading of a motion from the Disabilities Advisory Committee:

Ogden Rogers made a motion to approve. It was seconded by John Heppen.

All in favor 21

Apoosed 0

Abstentions 0

New business

Proposal One – Postponed until further notice.

Proposal Two – A motion from the Executive Committee to alter faculty senate committees.

Moved – Glenn Potts 2nd – Ogden Rogers

A friendly ammendment to clarify the committees as subcommittees of the IIT Council was added. Accepting Motion for committee changes

All for 21 all against 0

Unanimous

Miscellaneous New business:

Request for Executive Committee re: Employee Management Software SODONA. Looked at by subcommittee. David sent to Faculty Welfare committee.

Wes Chapin distributed letter on Health Benefits from ETF to senate members describing a possible change to Tier 1 status. The general consensus from the Senate was

a need for more information due to the number of questions asked. David Rainville will request an open forum with Deb Koehler from the Senior Leadership team.

Discussion was brought forth concerning an Ad Hoc committee which was established last year examining adjunct faculty and their representation on Faculty Senate. The Ad Hoc committee has not formally completed their work, thus the committee stands until finished.

Ogden Rogers motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by David Furniss.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm

Respectfully submitted by

Kris Hiney, Faculty Senate Secretary
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