



**Minutes of the UWRF Faculty Senate for October 10, 2007, Vol. 32 No. 5.**

<b>Representation</b>	<b>Term Expires 2010</b>	<b>Term Expires 2008</b>	<b>Term Expires 2009</b>
<b>CAFES</b>	Kris Hiney	Laine Vignona	
<b>CAS</b>	Wes Chapin	Patricia Berg	Peter Johansson
	Karl Peterson (Magdalena Pala)	John Heppen	
<b>COEPS</b>		Ogden Rogers	Michael Miller
<b>CBE</b>			Glenn Potts
<b>4th Division</b>	Kristie Feist**	Gregg Heinselman	Sarah Egerstrom
	Kristen Hendrickson (Mary Halada)		
<b>At Large</b>		Brenda Boetel (Jr)	Melissa Wilson (Jr) (Dan Vande Yacht)
	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 3:34pm

**Seating of Substitutes:** Mary Halada for Kristen Hendrickson, Magdalena Pala for Karl Peterson and Dan Vandergaard for Melissa Wilson

**Guests:** Blake Fry, Debra Koehler, Tom Weiss, Karen Klycek

**Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes of 9-26-07 (v. 32 n. 4) were approved as corrected. Peter Johansson moved to approve and Sarah Parks seconded.

**Reports –**  
Chair's Report –

I would like to first report that Senator Karl Peterson and his Kerry Peterson are new parents. A healthy baby boy was delivered this morning at 3:25 a.m. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. at birth with a length of 21.5 inches. Congratulations to Kerry and Karl.

Our meeting today is rather lengthy, so I will keep my remarks brief.

I attended a meeting of the Faculty Representatives of the UW System in Madison on September 27 and 28, 2007. Most of the meeting was spent on a self reporting program entitled "VSA" Voluntary System of Accountability. This program is essentially a program that will mandate UW institutions to make available information about their institutions on line to people seeking information while trying to make informed decisions while selecting an institution to attend. This program appears to be an attempt to pre-empt any mandate that may be forth coming from the Department of Education.

Additionally we discussed "Advantage Wisconsin" which is the Economic Growth through higher education initiative and part of UW System's strategic growth agenda.

A small amount of time was spent discussing "LEAP," Liberal Education & America's Promise an initiative promoting liberal education by the National Leadership Council and the Association of American Colleges and Universities. It is my expectation that we will be hearing more about this as it was also on the agenda of the Education Committee at the Board of Regents meeting held here at UWRF on October 4-5, 2007.

I also attended the Board of Regents meeting hosted by us last week. In addition to going to the general meetings, I also attended a meeting of the Education Committee. The meeting went off without any flaws and UWRF came across in terrific form. I can honestly attest that the regents with whom I spoke were incredible impressed with our institution and how we are poised to take a leadership role in the unparalleled growth of our region of the state. Most of the meeting was informational about our programs so I will not report anything about the BOR meeting other than what I have stated here.

Vice Chair's Report - none

Other Reports –

1. Informational Discussion on Campus Emergency Crisis response. Blake Fry invited guest.

Emergency Planning as a whole for the campus. (slide show)

4 stages:

- 1) Mitigation: how to prevent loss of life before the disaster happens.

- 2) Preparedness: What procedures are in place so we can respond appropriately and quickly?

- \*3) Response: Emergencies happen – how do we respond? There is a cost share with the City of River Falls, Pierce County, Xcel Energy and UWRF.

- 4) Recovery: UW System Continuity of Operations Plan

Points of discussion: All students must carry insurance, thus it is an acceptable action to call 911 if the faculty deems it necessary.

\*Need a point person in reference to student emergencies in the classroom. Gregg Heinselman will address all student issues.

## 2. Deb Koehler – (with Mary Halada) Discussion on current Health Insurance issues.

Some updates are being posted in the Falcon Daily Oct. 10 and 11. Information is going to be given out when deemed positive.

### **Open questions re: Tier 1, 2 & 3.**

#### **Open discussion and concerns:**

Wes Chapin: Faculty Senate/Administration has to be an advocate for the faculty/employees.

John Heppen: Strategic Plan –How can we have a growth agenda mandated by the UW System with no investment, and even a divestment in Human Resources – we need this investment to have a Satisfactory Resolution.

John Heppen will chair an ad hoc committee to draft a resolution concerning health care addressing the faculties grave concerns and stressing urgency in this matter. Other members include Brenda Boetel, Laine Vignona and Wes Chapin.

Mary Halada will be drafting a letter to the Governor for Chancellor Betz regarding this issue.

## **New Business -**

### **Proposal One:**

First reading of motion from the Academic Standards Committee: to add Chapter 8 to Handbook to replace I grades with an N. John Heppen motioned to approve, Terry Ferris seconded. Dawn Hukai spoke on the motion as a mainly bookkeeping and adding consistency to all formerly I grades.

17 in favor

0 opposed

0 abstentions

Proposal Two: Grades and Honor points. Was removed.

Proposal Three: Motion from the General Education Committee to change the current non-voting membership and to remove one committee function pertaining to assesment. Wes Chapin made a motion to approve, seconded by David Furniss. Karen Klycek spoke to the motion as avoiding redundancy in committee function and membership.

This is the first reading 2<sup>nd</sup> reading will be on next agenda.

Proposal Four: A motion from the General Education Committee to revise the outcomes from the Personal Health and Wellness (HW) and Ethical Citizenship (EC) designators in Goal 5. Ogden Rogers made a motion to approve and Peter Johansson seconded.

19 in favor – 0 opposed – 0 abstentions

Motion is passed.

Proposal 5. A motion from the Executive Committee (as a result of work by the ad hoc Faculty Senate committee appointed on June 6, 2007) to change the composition and duties of the Executive Committee. This would amend the Faculty Constitution and thus need to be passed by a referendum of the faculty.

Change in Constitutional language. Moved by John Heppen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patricia Berg Recommend splitting Vice Chair's responsibilities in half to two positions. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair – Handbook 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair would be Elections. The duties of the Secretary would remain the same as part of the workload is now shared by an LTE. This would result in one remaining At Large position with no other duties.

Wes Chapin made a motion to amend the 5<sup>th</sup> at large member to become a liaison to the Academic Staff Council. Seconded by Terry Ferris.

3 in favor; 9 opposed, 6 abstentions – Motion failed.

Wes Chapin made a motion to postpone voting on the original motion until the next meeting of the Faculty Senate. John Heppen seconded.

15 – in favor

2 – abstentions

Motion passed to postpone proposal 5 until the next meeting.

Ogden Rogers made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by David Furniss.

**Meeting Adjourned at 5:25pm**