



Minutes of the UWRF Faculty Senate for February 27, 2008 Vol. 32 No. 12.

Representation	Term Expires 2010	Term Expires 2008	Term Expires 2009
CAFES	Kris Hiney	Laine Vignona	
CAS	Wes Chapin	Patricia Berg** (Andris Straumanis)	Peter Johansson
	Karl Peterson	John Heppen**	
COEPS		Ogden Rogers	Michael Miller** (Brenda Wright)
CBE			Glenn Potts
4th Division	Kristie Feist** (Jon Levendoski)	Gregg Heinselman**	Sarah Egerstrom
	Kristen Hendrickson		
At Large		Brenda Boetel (Jr)	Melissa Wilson (Jr)
	Sarah Parks (Jr)	Dawn Hukai (Sr)** (Jude Rathburn)	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 3:35 pm

Seating of Substitutes: Brenda Wright for Michael Miller, Jude Rathburn for Dawn Hukai, Andris Straumanis for Patricia Berg, Jon Levendoski for Kristie Feist

Guests: Sandy Soares

Approval of Minutes from February 20, 2008

Ogden Rogers motioned to approve minutes and was seconded by Sarah Parks

Corrections:

Peter Johansson and Gregg Heinselman were absent from meeting without providing substitutes.

Approval of Minutes with corrections
19 yes
0 opposed
0 abstentions: Minutes approved

Chair's Report: Last week I was in Madison to hear the testimonies before Senate regarding the Healthcare – group insurance issues. Only one person spoke against the bill and they were from ETF. I will be in Madison again this Thursday to attend a Faculty Representatives meeting

Vice Chair's Report: none
Other Reports: none

Old Business:

1. First Reading of motion from the Executive Committee

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee has the power to declare an emergency that requires a University response prior to the next meeting of the Faculty Senate. In such emergencies, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee shall represent the Faculty and act emergently for the Senate for the purposes of shared governance. Any action of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee implemented during a time of emergency will be brought to the Faculty Senate for deliberation and action at the next scheduled meeting of the Faculty Senate.

This statement would be included in article 6-D as new #2.

Glenn Potts moved to approve and was seconded by Terry Ferriss
19 in favor - unanimous

2. Second Reading of a motion from the Executive Committee: to include the preface (attached to the Faculty Senate Agenda, February 20, 2008), [Motion 2006/2007 #65] to the Faculty/Staff Handbook.

The preface has already been approved by last year's senate thus there is no need for re-approval. The only change is in the shading of the document.

3. Second Reading of a motion from the Executive Committee: to adopt the revision of Chapter Three of the Faculty/Staff Handbook distributed for the February 20, 2008 Faculty Senate Agenda.

Kristen Hendrickson motioned to approve Chapter III and was seconded by Peter Johansson

Discussion:

Alteration in the language of the suggested changes concerning the 4th division to include permanent academic staff would alter the number of voting members of senators from each college. It was suggested to remove the change on page 3 and keep the original language of Student Personnel, University Services and the Library.

Wes Chapin moved to separate the Introduction, By Laws and Constitution for separate votes by Senate as they require different votes for approval

All in favor –

19 unanimous. Motion to separate approved.

A) Introduction

It was suggested to remove the term instructor from 3.1.3 and replace it with lecturers as no instructors exist on the UWRF campus. Therefore, if the constitution discussed instructors, it would refer to nobody. Some worried that this change would violate the Wisconsin Administrative Code. However, UWS 1.04 clearly states “instructor in an academic department *or its functional equivalent in an institution*.”

17 approved the changes to the introduction

0 opposed

2 abstentions, Motion to approve the aforementioned changes passed.

B) Constitution –

19 approved the changes unanimously

C) ByLaws – Committees –

Discussion:

Currently there is a discrepancy in the formatting of the committees.

For example page 14 Article III Section A Letter h. in other sections – listed as Membership / Term of Office / duties in same sequential order. It was suggested to make the descriptions consistent. Sandy Soares explained she merely include them as they came in the form of the original motions from senate.

Keeping consistent formatting may however help the readability for the document as they are not content changes.

Wes Chapin made a motion to change the format so that all committees read the same, and to ask the Executive Committee to propose a motion to remove the highlighted section in the description of AP&P, and to allow the Executive Committee to clarify the terms of office for the calendar committee. Jude Rathburn seconded.

All in favor to amend –

18 in favor to amend unanimous

Ogden Rogers moved to postpone voting on the By Laws until next meeting

and was seconded by Terry Ferriss.

All in favor of the motion –
19 in favor – unanimous

Sandy's side note: Not all committees have a purpose. Possibly in the future every committee can have a "purpose statement".

Miscellaneous new business:

The Executive Committee needs to get data for the upcoming Faculty Senate elections.

Ogden Rogers moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Kris Hiney
Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.