



Minutes of the UWRF Faculty Senate for March 5, 2008 Vol. 32 No. 13.

Representation	Term Expires 2010	Term Expires 2008	Term Expires 2009
CAFES	Kris Hiney** (Dennis Cooper)	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)** (Jon Levondoski)
	Sarah Parks (Jr)	Dawn Hukai (Sr)	David Rainville (Sr)
	David Furniss (Sr)		Terry Ferriss (Sr)
	Connie Foster** F. Perkins		

* Chancellor's Designee

** Absent

() Substitute

Call to Order: David Rainville called the meeting to order at 3:34 pm

Seating of Substitutes: Dennis Cooper for Kris Hiney, Jon Levondoski for Melissa Wilson, and Faye Perkins for Connie Foster

Guests: Sandy Soares, Kelly Cain, M. Manke, M. Williams-Greene

Approval of Minutes from February 20, 2008

Terry Ferriss motioned to approve minutes and was seconded by Sarah Egerstrom

Corrections:

Peter Johansson's name was misspelled.

Approval of Minutes with corrections

19 yes
0 opposed
0 abstentions: Minutes approved

Chair's Report: **Chairs Report**
Faculty Senate
March 5, 2008

I want to keep my report short as I anticipate the meeting today could potentially get quite long given the Report by Kelly Cain on the Sustainability Task Force and the nature of some of the proposals before Faculty Senate.

My reports over the last few meetings have been short either due to time or my absence from Senate so I will at least try to fill in all of the missing pieces none the less.

To start with, I have attended two Faculty Representatives meetings with UW-System Administration since I last made a comprehensive report to you.

The first of these meetings on February 1, 2008 dealt with several issues some of which were reintroduced at the second meeting on February 29, 2008. The issues were as follows:

1. Informational items involving status, numbers, and hiring/employment statistics and policies involving instructional academic staff.
2. The Agenda of the February 7-8 Board of Regents Meeting. Little was discussed about the agenda except a short discussion about a new procedure for academic program planning, the role of the UW Colleges, tuition (different model across the system) and financial aid.
3. The Shared Governance Policy and Guidelines Document which we have tabled a vote on the endorsement of.
4. Inclusive Excellence. A discussion was held by Assistant Vice President Vicki Washington to talk about building on Plan 2008 with the idea of Inclusive Excellence. Instead of trying to detail this plan, I have a copy of a draft document that was distributed to introduce this "plan."
5. Advantage Wisconsin. Rebecca Martin, Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs gave an update on a presentation that was to be presented at the February BOR meeting. Essentially this is a strategic framework in an overall Growth Agenda for Wisconsin and the UW-System. It was suggested that faculty have a key role to play in much of the framework but more specifically in the area of common set of shared learning outcomes such as LEAP.

6. A report on Governmental Relations was given by Dave Giroux and Grant Huber on how they were working to improve the flow of information concerning the legislature and issues involving UW-System to campuses.

7. Al Crist, associate Vice President updated us on the possibility of an additional pay plan for faculty. I will comment on the bad new here later.

At the most recent meeting (February 29, 2008) of Faculty Representatives and UW-System Administration many of these topics were revisited. But before the actual meeting a lively discussion unfolded concerning DINs. Specifically some campuses felt as though they were not informed as to the availability of them in the next cycle. The representative from UW-Milwaukee seemed particularly annoyed that there is a System-wide DIN dealing with undergraduate research at the Four-year comprehensives. She felt very strongly that System should not be funding research at these institutions when it was not adequately addressing the issue with Milwaukee in comparison to Madison.

Some of the campuses have invited a group from UW-System to visit their campus to discuss issues involving salaries, issues involving compensation, and other items felt important enough to discuss with System. Specifically this group has been headed up by Ron Singer. I have invited the group to UWRF and will be working out a time for a meeting with Faculty Senate before the end of this academic year.

At the meeting we discussed:

1. Inclusive Excellence. Enough said!

2. The Board of Regents Agenda for March 6, 2008. Specifically the topics were similar to last month, with the notable exception of a discussion to be held about the Role of the UW Colleges and granting of Baccalaureate degrees. This appears at first glance to be an infringement on our missions and was hotly discussed. It is too early to see exactly how this will unfold, but given the fact that there is no money to fund anything new, it is essentially an "idea." As I understand this, the plan is to award a very general baccalaureate degree for a general collection of learning through classroom and life learning. It appears to be nothing more than an attempt to increase the number of bachelor's level degrees using this mechanism. The Colleges did not seem enthusiastic about the idea and their representative indicated that it would amount to a few worthless degrees being granted each year. Stay tuned!

3. The Wisconsin State budget projected deficit was discussed. The shortfall is expected to be 650 million dollars. There is some internal discussion on how this will be met. It is expected that there will be a 30 million dollar lapse from System. This will mean that 2 million set aside for a 1.5% additional per annum pay package will be used to bail out the state budget. My best guess is that the plan will or did materialize today and will be passed immediately by the Assembly and Senate. Imagine that, balancing the state budget with tuition dollars.

4. We had a very preliminary discussion about collaborative degree programs in the System. It went no where other than saying that we should work collaboratively on a set of shared learning outcomes (liberal education). But a plan may be worked out later to offer plans that campuses could work collaboratively on.
5. We discussed VSA and the fact that it had not been on some official's radar screen. System promises to address the issue more adequately in the fall.
6. We discussed the concept of a dual transcript that would report on the support activities of student's indifference to their academic performance. Little support was there for this with the notable exception of Madison.
7. Tuition Models. We discussed 8 different tuition models some of which are being used within the System. This discussion is being prompted by the variety of differential tuition plans in the System and the need for a unified model.
8. Academic Program Policy. This would be a 3 to 5 year academic plan which was included in each institution's charter when the UW-System was formed. Institutions did originally formulate them, but have since then ignored them. We will be asked to draft one and this will be utilized in the proposed fast tract approval process of academic program by the BOR. With this plan, programs would be placed on a consent agenda.
9. Report on materials/information about instructional academic staff. The information was not yet compiled and would be transmitted to faculty representatives electronically. I anticipate a long wait.

I have two final items to report on. I did attend the February 7-8 BOR meeting. What I have reported from the faculty representatives meeting is indicative of what transpired. I also was a dinner hosted by President Reilly and the BOR on February 7th. The main course was salmon.

Legislation involving regional representation on the Group Insurance Board has been heard in both the Senate and Assembly. I believe that the Committee on Insurance in the Assembly has voted on it. I do not know the decision. No vote has been taken in the Senate. A group including myself from UWRF testified with the Senate. Mary Halada testified at the Assembly and Don Betz sent each member of the committee a letter urging support of the legislation.

Vice Chair's Report: none

Other Reports: Kelly Cain – Sustainability Task Force.

He gave a powerpoint presentation.

Old Business:

1. Section 3.3 (By laws) of the Faculty Staff Handbook.

Terry Ferriss made a motion to reintroduce and was seconded by Sarah Parks.

Changes were approved unanimously.

New Business:

1. A motion from AP&P to approve an Early Child Comprehensive Major.
M. Manke and M. Williams-Greene here to address questions.
Dawn Hukai motioned to approve and was seconded by Terry Ferriss.
8in favor Passed unanimously.
2. A resolution of support for the Wisconsin State Senate Bill 353 (from the Executive Committee)
Dennis Cooper made a motion to approve and was seconded by Peter Johansson.

Discussion: Concern for benefits with teaching load and pay. What are the benefits if there is no power to strike. We cannot strike as a salaries are currently the lowest (?) Much discussion of shared governances role, concern with classified staff and pay increases, legislation is enabling(?), unions, public schools, pay increases, demoralizing, legal representation etc.

14 in support
1 no
2 abstentions; Motion passes

3. A motion from Faculty Welfare to approve a motion allowing electronic distribution of teaching evaluation data.

Dennis Cooper moved to approve and was seconded by Terry Ferriss.

Discussion. This will be read only distribution (PDF). Cost savings should go to colleges. Have to be printed anyhow to go in merit file. Already required to have a hard copy. Money to print comes from Provost. Why would Survey Research save money?

Wes Chapin moved to amend the motion and was seconded by Pat Berg to “There will be a transfer of funds from....”

Including wording to not be able to

Censure Brad Mogen? Terry Ferriss encouraged senate to vote on amendment.

To sum up: Motion was defeated after numerous attempts to change wording of motion. Most likely to the inability to see the savings in this plan.

Final vote:

2 yes
14 – no
1 abstention

4. A motion from Academic Standards to approve a policy “Defining Full-Time Status for Students participating in Internships.

Dennis Cooper motioned to approve and seconded by John Heppen.

Discussion centered on the need to send credits to clearing house to determine full-time status, the difference in credits during the summer etc.

Terry Ferriss moved to amend the motion by striking Professional Experience from page 30 and was seconded by Dawn Hukai

14 in favor, 0 no, 0 abstentions; amendment passed.

Amended motion:

13 in favor, 0 no, 1 abstension. Motion to support passed.

Dennis Cooper moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by David Furniss
Meeting adjourned at 5:25pm.