

MINUTES
UW Green Bay University Committee

Present:	28 January 2009
Steven Meyer (Chair)	3:00 pm, CL 825
Illene Noppe	
Laura Riddle	Previous Meeting:
Brian Sutton	21 January 2009

Guest: Interim Provost William Laatsch

- 1) The minutes of the 21 January 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- 2) Professor Sutton summarized information from the 27 January meeting of the Chancellor's Cabinet:
 - a) An agreement is near completion between UWGB and UW-Marinette, designed to help UW-Marinette students in transferring to UWGB and to strengthen UWGB as an attractive option for UW-Marinette students.
 - b) Preliminary work has begun toward creating collaborative partnerships between UWGB and certain higher education institutions in Finland.
- 3) Continuing Business:
 - a) UC members discussed the upcoming meeting with Interim Chancellor Ward regarding the Higher Learning Commission's 2007 accreditation report on UWGB. Chair Meyer had created a document summarizing the HLC report, emphasizing certain areas of interest or concern for UWGB. It was generally agreed that this summary would be useful during the meeting with Interim Chancellor Ward. UC members agreed to read the summary and suggest possible changes prior to the next UC meeting. UC members also discussed ways of informing Faculty Senators of the content of the HLC report.
 - b) UC members approved Senator Noppe's message to be sent to faculty and staff, seeking volunteers to serve on a task force dealing with interdisciplinarity at UWGB. UC members also approved Senator Noppe's charge to the task force.
 - c) UC members discussed the changes the Secretary of the Faculty recommends to chapters 3 and 51 of UWGB code—in essence, eliminating duplication between the two chapters by moving sections of chapter 51 into chapter 3, and then eliminating the remaining (and redundant) sections of chapter 51. UC members brought up minor corrections and then voiced general approval of the changes. It was decided that committee members would look at the changes one more time before the next meeting and discuss them one more time at that meeting.

- d) UC members discussed the idea of scheduling an open-ended discussion, at the next Faculty Senate meeting, of faculty members' views of the Growth Agenda. Some committee members argued that because UWGB is unlikely to receive further Growth Agenda funding for the duration of the state's economic crisis, a Faculty Senate discussion of the Growth Agenda might be irrelevant at this time.

4. Information Exchange with Interim Provost Laatsch:

- a) The Interim Provost expressed his hope that UWGB would create an honors program, and encouraged the UC to appoint a task force to look into ways of creating such a program.
- b) The Interim Provost stated his intention to use the "common time" slot—3:30 p.m. on the last Monday of the month—to present a series of programs to UWGB faculty and staff, beginning in late February.
- c) The Interim Provost was asked whether the 14-week semester implemented in 2008-09 would automatically continue to be used for the foreseeable future, or if a return to the 15-week semester might be considered. He replied that he believed a change back to the 15-week version could be considered, and he suggested that the UC might wish to take the issue to the Faculty Senate.

The meeting adjourned around 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Sutton, secretary pro tempore