MINUTES
UW Green Bay University Committee

Present:
Steven Meyer (Chair)   17 December 2008
Illene Noppe   3:15 pm, CL 825
Laura Riddle
Brian Sutton   Previous Meeting
Dean VonDras   3 December 2008

Excused: Meir Russ
Guest: Interim Provost William Laatsch

1) Approval of the minutes of 3 December 2008 were tabled until our next meeting.

2) Discussion of the Interdisciplinary Task Force:
    UC members energetically discussed the composition and charge(s) of the newly (Senate) approved
    Interdisciplinary Task Force which will meet during the Spring 2009 semester with the goal of
    producing a report/proposal to the May 2009 Senate meeting. Professor Noppe volunteered to distill
    the numerous ideas from the brainstorming session into a more cogent document to be circulated
    among UC members for corrections and amendments prior to the initial call for participation on this
    important ad hoc committee.

3) Meeting with Interim Provost Laatsch:

    An informative and interesting discussion was held with the Interim Provost. Provost Laatsch
    reported on the recent Provosts' meeting, where budgetary issues, the possibility of an expedited
    bachelor's degree, and concerns about reducing the costs of textbooks were some of the important
    topics discussed.

4) Proposal for Faculty Recognition Award:

    Professor Meyer suggested that we consider the creation of a Faculty Recognition Award, similar to
    one offered at the University of Nebraska. The recipient of the award is actually nominated by
    parents, who are invited to name a faculty member who has made a "difference in their son's or
    daughter's life." UC members warmed to the idea, which will be discussed further in an upcoming
    meeting.

5) With visions of hor d'oevres dancing his head, Professor Meyer adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m. in
    order to attend the Chancellor's holiday reception.

The date of the next UC meeting, to be held prior to the start of the Spring 2009 semester, will be announced
at a future date.

Respectfully submitted,
Illene C. Noppe, secretary pro tempore