

MINUTES
UW-Green Bay University Committee
21 March, 2012
3:00 PM, CL 750
Previous Meeting—29 February, 2012

Present: Dave Dolan; Michael Draney (Chair); Ray Hutchison; Derek Jeffreys; Tim Kaufmann; Bryan Vescio; Linda Parins, Academic Staff Representative; Heba Mohammad, Student Government Association Representative

Guest: Kelly Kramp, Vice Chair, Academic Staff Committee

Minutes and General Discussion

1.) Approval of minutes, 29 February, 2012 meeting: Minutes of 29 February University Committee meeting were approved with minor changes by voice vote and unanimous consent.

2.) Informational Items:

A. Review Senate Meeting: 7 March, 2012

B. CWC Update (Dolan)

Dave Dolan reported that the CWC would bring a new draft resolution on selecting contractors to the UC before the April Senate meeting. The CWC will appoint a sub-committee charged with posting an RFP and approving the contractor. UC members wondered how the committee would be selected and whether any administrators would be serving on it.

C. UW-System Faculty Reps Meeting (Dolan)

Dave Dolan said the meeting focused mostly on the System's HR initiative, and in particular on the process for conducting it. Representatives were told that the meetings were technically closed but wondered whether appointments to committees should have gone through governance groups. Dolan also noted that UW-Madison was allowed to follow its own procedures, that its meetings were open, and that faculty were largely happy with the process there. He said representatives had also discussed a resolution on protecting course materials that had come from UW-Madison and the question of whether the System's new "flexibilities" had actually resulted in more flexibility, specifically in regard to the pay plan. Representatives suggested getting the legislature to endorse campuses' flexibility formally. Representatives also suggested that an impending law requiring reporting on faculty productivity include scholarship and service.

D. CRR Update

In light of this issue, UC members suggested that the Chair ask the SOFAS to produce some sort of checklist or handbook for future UC Chairs.

E. Senior Senators Project update

Chair Draney suggested including information about Senate voting procedures in the letter to new Senators, or possibly even initiating an orientation program for new Senators.

F. UWSP Resolutions

Chair Draney circulated two resolutions recently adopted at UW-Stevens Point, one advocating tuition benefits for family of faculty and staff and another opposing efforts to allow employees to opt out of WRS. UC members decided to refer the first to the CWC and to table the second, which would be discussed at the next Faculty Representatives meeting.

G. May Multiples Update

Dave Dolan said that in spite of the late date, the plan was still to distribute the May multiples over the last three paychecks of this academic year.

Old Business

3.) Joint Governance Committees Project: Chair Draney said that Kim Baker, Chair of the AWC, had approved the proposed change but that Doreen Higgins, Chair of the LITC said her committee would not meet in time to discuss the changes, though she indicated they still felt there should be more faculty on their committee. UC members agreed that the proposals should be on the agenda for the next Senate meeting.

4.) CWC Project: This item had already been discussed under #2 above.

5.) MS in Nursing Degree: Chair Draney distributed the proposal for a new online Master's program in Nursing, and UC members agreed to put it on the agenda for the next Senate meeting. It had previously been proposed as a joint program with UW-Oshkosh, and when Bryan Vescio asked why it had failed before, he was told that it was because Oshkosh had pulled out.

New Business

6.) Proposal to Change Senate Calendar: Chair Draney distributed documents describing a proposal to require Senate meetings to occur every three weeks rather than monthly. He explained that although the change would only result in one more meeting, it would make meetings more regular and strike a better balance with the schedule for UC meetings. UC members agreed that the proposal should be considered at the next Senate meeting.

7.) Streamlining Academic Misconduct Policy: Ray Hutchinson suggested exploring ways to streamline the Academic Misconduct Policy because the current policy places too much of a burden on faculty. Chair Draney suggested inviting the Dean of Students to the next meeting to discuss it.

8.) Graduate Studies Council: Chair Draney distributed a proposal to establish a Graduate Studies Council submitted by Tim Sewall. UC members agreed to put it on the agenda for the next Senate meeting, with some minor revisions.

9.) Classified Staff Liaison: Chair Draney noted that the Academic Staff Committee had suggested inviting a liaison from classified staff to serve as an additional member of the UC. UC members agreed to postpone the issue until after the System's HR overhaul, which may change how staff are classified.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted, 4/17/12, Bryan Vescio, Secretary Pro Tempore