

Minutes

Meeting of the University of Wisconsin, Green Bay University Committee

December 12, 2012

Cofrin Library 750

3:00 - 5:00 pm

Attendance: Greg Davis, Derek Jeffreys (chair), Mimi Kubsch, Ryan Martin (recording), Steve Meyer, Leif Nelson (Academic Staff Rep) , Bryan Vescio

Guests: Brian Sutton, Cliff Abbot, Heba Mohammad

Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm

- I. Minutes of the December 5, 2012 UC Meeting were approved.
- II. Meeting with Brian Sutton to discuss Flexible Degree Developments
 - a. Brian Sutton indicated that things are moving quickly with the Flexible Degree program. He indicated there was some confusion regarding the charge of the committee he is on at first. Things are clearer now that they are to establish some guidelines for the program but that the competencies will be established by the teachers in the areas offering the degrees. He expressed some concern regarding oversight, indicating that it was not clear where the oversight was going to come from. He also indicated that the UW-Colleges seem to be excited regarding the Flexible Degree program for general education. He also indicated that there had been discussion of whether or not the degree would be called a "Flexible Degree" but there had not been a decision on that. Likewise, there had not been any discussion of the way in which competencies would be converted into credits.
 - b. The UC also discussed with Brian recent data showing that Western Governors had a very high failure rate with regard to graduates and wondered if there was any concern from the regents as to whether or not they should be the model the UW follows.
 - c. Cliff Abbot mentioned that the registrar may be considering a competency mechanism to address competency issues on our campus. We agreed it would make sense to speak with someone from the registrar regarding that mechanism.
- III. Discussion with Cliff Abbot regarding the Faculty Senate Agenda for January 23rd, 2012.
 - a. Report on the Flexible Degree
 - b. Open forum on advising
 - c. A report from David Dolan on the Committee on Workload and Compensation
- IV. Discussion of Rights and Responsibilities Committee Alternate
 - a. Derek Jeffreys indicated that he has been having some difficulty finding someone to serve as an alternate for the Rights and Responsibilities hearing in January. The UC decided to keep looking until December 17th and, if unable to find someone, the committee should proceed without an alternate.

- V. Discussion of Future UC Business
 - a. Members of the UC identified the following topics as items we wanted to discuss in the future.
 - i. University support for research.
 - ii. Additional support for technical/computer issues
 - iii. Discussion of how the university meets its interdisciplinary mission

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Martin