

MINUTES  
UW Green Bay University Committee

Present:

Steven Meyer (Chair)

29 October 2008

Illene Noppe

3:45 pm, CL 825

Laura Riddle

Meir Russ

Brian Sutton

Previous Meeting

Dean VonDras

22 October 2008

Lisa DeLeeuw, Academic Staff Representative

Jamie Froh, Student Government Representative

Guests: Interim Provost William Laatsch, Professors Susan Gallagher-Lepak, Tim Meyer, & Eric Hansen, Members of the Faculty Senate Committee on Planning and Budget (FSCP)

- 1) The minutes of 22 October 2008 were approved with minor changes.
- 2) The UC reviewed Professor Shay's memorial resolution in honor of Professor Bruce LaPlante, which will appear on the 12 November Faculty Senate agenda.
- 3) The UC discussed the current status of the Higher Learning Commission's (HLC) accreditation report that was completed during the Spring 2008 semester. The UC will request a copy of the full report from Interim Provost Laatsch and discuss the HLC's recommendations and potential actions stemming from the report.
- 4) Discussion of the UC Caucus Proposal:

Using feedback from the open forum of the prior Faculty Senate meeting as well as input from faculty speaking to their UC representative, a thoughtful discussion considered a number of aspects of the role of Senators in faculty governance. The discussion first considered whether or not caucuses were at all necessary. We next considered where, if implemented, these caucuses would appear in the Senate agenda—as a part of the discussion of “action items,” during an open forum, or both? The discussion then turned to the question of evaluation and whether the Spring of 2009 would be too soon to assess the effectiveness of the caucuses, especially if they are sparingly implemented. Finally, we generated a list of criteria that would be used to determine when and if a caucus is necessary during a Faculty Senate meeting. Prof. Noppe will revise the proposal and present it to the UC during its 5 November 2008 meeting.

- 5) Discussion of the FSBPC:

We were joined by Profs. Gallagher-Lepak, Hansen & Meyer for a discussion of the charge and current role of this committee in the budget and planning process. Of mutual agreement is the desire that faculty have input in the budget process. We noted that this is crucial to shared governance and important for units as they plan out their programs with their respective budgetary needs. Two major problems that were identified were that 1) there was no connection between the FSBPC and the major administrative groups who decide on the budget, and 2) the mission of the FSBPC was unclear.

The UC thought that as a first step, it would be helpful if the current FSBPC would create a proposal, directed to the new administration that is anticipated for next year, as to how faculty could be involved in budgeting and planning. In order to help the FSBPC with this project, Prof. Meyer will inquire, during the next Faculty Representative meeting, how other UW campuses involve faculty and academic staff in the budget and planning process. The FSBPC will also seek feedback from Interim Provost Laatsch about its proposal.

6) Meeting place for the Faculty Senate Meeting of 12 November 2008:

Sigh—lacking luxury accommodations for the Faculty Senate, the UC decided to return to its roots and give ol' Phoenix C another chance. In preparation for this meeting, Prof. Abbott, Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff, will brief us on Senate House Rules.

7) Meeting with Interim Provost Laatsch:

Another informative and interesting discussion was held with the Interim Provost, ranging from space issues on campus (including the proposal Learning Commons area in the library), the Trio Program, and the budgeting and planning process.

The sky was darkening (we felt this even in our windowless environment) and thus, we adjourned at 5:15 pm.

The next UC meeting will be 5 November, 2008, at 3:30 p.m. in CL 825.

Respectfully submitted,

Illene C. Noppe, secretary pro tempore