

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
University of Wisconsin-Superior
October 9, 2007 2:30 pm RSC 111

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Einerson called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

Present: Einerson, Cleary, Toiviola, Sherman, Sloboda, Lynch, Carroll, Holm, Sharp (recorder)

FIRST YEAR ADVISORY GROUP

Dave Carroll and Sue Holm asked to talk to senate about alternatives to the current advisory group for FYE. Tentative decision (July '07), Department Chairs would work in an advisory capacity. This is not an ideal situation; chairs have time constraints. Other advisory groups are 7 member, (4 faculty, 2 instructional staff, 1 student). This has representation of all groups. Carroll is asking that faculty senate consider that type of arrangement for FYE. There is a real need for a support group of interested and enthusiastic people. (Holm clarified that FYE has three components, First Year Seminar, Early Alert, and Peer Mentoring). Another consideration, move FYE from a University Committee to Faculty Senate committee. This would also be consistent with other groups. Discussion ensued. General consensus is that a 7 member committee is a good idea, (4/2/1 split). Other possibilities would be to include ex-officios as contributing members. Question: are other COPLAC institutions abandoning FYE, can we learn from their mistakes?

Sloboda to query the other faculty reps for information to share.

Once the shift from University to Faculty Senate committee, Martha will query the executive group with names suggested. Recommendations/and recruitment welcomed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion (Sloboda/Toiviola) to approve minutes dated 9.4.07. No corrections. Minutes to stand as read. Four votes to approve, 1 abstention. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advantage Wisconsin Strategic Planning for System. Jerry Hembd and Einerson have both been asked to serve on Think Tanks. Einerson for Prepare Students, and Hembd for Economic Development.

UW Systems Office of Finance

(Handout) Einerson discussed the meeting that she, D. Dahlvang, S. Fletcher attended. The biggest controversy at this point is mandatory contracts, example, airline tickets.

Good points are: revisions and exceptions to the contract are allowed and comments/suggestions are welcomed.

Campus Organizational Chart (Handout) Brief discussion, several corrections (department names) should be made.

Administration Finance and Update (attachment)

FIELD TRIP GUIDE Shaun Lynch presented his suggestions to the “Field Trip Hold Harmless Agreement,” purpose: to make the agreement a ‘win win’ situation for students and administration. Discussion ensued. Einerson to draft an executive summary. Agenda item, October 23rd meeting. **OLD BUSINESS.**

T ED ADVISORY COMMITTEE Einerson gave an overview of her meeting with R. Robinson in regard to DPI requirements and new mandates. T ED Advisory Committee is presently a faculty committee that has to be changed and reformed due to state mandates. The charge would stay as it currently stands, with additions. Members of the advisory committee would be required to attend two meetings, one per semester of the Professional Education Programs Council. DPI will require a representative from every department that offers an educational major. Discussion.

Recommendation: Departmental responsibility to appoint the committee member. Einerson to obtain more information.

LECTURE SERIES PROJECT GROUP Einerson discussed meeting with D. Carroll, Dahlvang, Fletcher and governance chairs in regard to one time monies from the Provost office to fund a lecture series. A project group to be formed to identify a speaker to be on campus, fall 08. Discussion at that meeting included ideas of how to name the group. Discussion ensued. Recommendation: Associate Dean Carroll to issue a request of those who may be interested to serve on a short term task group.

OTHER – Voluntary System of Accountability - Faculty rep report, Sloboda. Discussion of types of testing, assessment, and test score reporting. Einerson and Sloboda to meet with Provost Markwood.

OTHER Academic Department’s right to self governance. Discussion ensued. Einerson to schedule a special executive committee meeting with Provost Markwood.

Meeting adjourned: 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, this day 19th day of October 2007, by: Linda Sharp, Faculty Senate, clerical assistant.

