

MINUTES-FACULTY SENATE (Corrected 2010 01 27)
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-SUPERIOR
Tuesday, January 26, 2010
YU 203, 2:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sipress called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Present: Sipress, Cleary, Lynch, Sloboda, Einerson, Engstrom, Hembd, Fank, Schmude, Christensen, J., Jacobs, Aldridge, Starratt, Kronzer, Wright, G., Erlenbach, Markwood, Sharp

Guest: Brent Notbohm

Excused: Simpson

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion (Einerson/Hembd) to approve minutes dated December 15, 2009. Discussion. Spelling correction, rank replaces rand, page 3, item III. Peer Faculty. Minutes approves as corrected. Motion carried.

Receive Executive Minutes

Motion (Cleary/Einerson) to receive Executive minutes dated January 19, 2010. Einerson asked for clarification on item X., Promotions Committee. Sipress- structural issues have been raised. Motion carried

REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR

Discussions with state continues in regard to how we Educational Attainment and Strategic Financing and to President Obama's Reach for the Top program. Goals include cutting the underachievement gap of underrepresented minorities and lower income students in half of, target date 2015, increase second year retention and 6 year graduation rate, and, increase four year graduation rates. The system is looking at potential revenue sources. One could be increased revenue from enrollment. The expectation would be that if a campus takes in new students above a certain level that all of the tuition would stay at the home campus. There are portions of the next biennium budget that may be tied to educational attainment and increased dollars. A Research to Jobs thrust is also in the next budget. Institution could submit proposals that would align with a Research to jobs report that will be coming out. Can we tie the research that we do to clearly demonstrate resulting job for a particular individual.

Differential tuition is an element that system believes that is a viable revenue source.

REPORT OF THE PROVOST

UWS has been accepted into the Higher Learning Academy. A team will need to be developed. There are now fourteen on going Faculty searches, most are moving along quite well. A call for requests for next year will be issued soon. Several of the termed Associate Dean positions are expiring. Announcements for these openings will go out next week. Scheduling for summer, fall and spring is being finalized. A change in the scheduled sequence of scheduling for MWF is being looked at, classes beginning on the half hour instead of hour. This could potentially open another class period for those days and help alleviate the noon hour congestion of the Yellowjacket Cafe. Is the sole impetus for changing the scheduling to the half hour solely based on the overcrowding in the Café. Provost Markwood states that it is not. What is the other benefit? Should we bring all ideas of issues for scheduling be brought to one session?

The Provost is seeking input from departments. Questions, Einerson in regard to the Climate Study, would this be a duplicate of what the Inclusive Excellence Team has been working on. The Provost does not believe that it would be.

REPORTS

Chair

Written report was provided. Of note was item number 4. Senate has not yet discussion the ratification of the decompression plan. Agenda item for the February 2 meeting. Hand out in regard to workplace climate study (not included in the report). Are we interested being part of the third round of the system workplace climate study. Provost has asked for guidance from governance. Senators are asked to read the handout and share with their departments and contact Chair Sipress with their thoughts. The Academic Senate is strongly in favor. Einerson suggested that the leadership of the Inclusive Task Force be utilized to be the campus leaders of the climate study.

Secretary No report

Faculty Representative (attachment)

Written report provided.

Academic Program Review Council No report

Planning and Budgetary Council No report

Personnel Council

Kronzer –Personnel rules are complete and the council is waiting for comments from HR.

Undergraduate Academic Affairs Council

The Learning Outcomes Reports was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

I. Learning Abroad Guidelines (attachment)

Motion (Einerson/Hembd) to endorse the Learning Abroad Guidelines. Motion carried.

Einerson noted that a lot of effort was put into this guideline and the committee should be commended for its work.

II. HLC (attachment)

Motion (Einerson/Lynch) to approve the Higher Learning Commission report (subject to technical corrections). Motion carried.

III. Liberal Learning Outcomes

Motion (Cleary/Aldridge) to approve the UW-Superior Liberal Education Undergraduate Student Learning Outcomes. Discussion. Motion (Einerson/Lynch) to replace 'disciplinary appropriate ways' (final sentence) to discipline specific ways.

Motion carries as amended.

OTHER

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned, 3:40 p.m. by Chair Sipress.

Respectfully submitted on this 2nd day of January by Linda Sharp, Faculty Senate Clerical Assistant.