

Minutes-Faculty Senate  
University of Wisconsin-Superior  
September 21, 2010, YU 204, 2:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 2.35 p.m. Introductions of senate members followed.

Present: Rosenberg, Simpson, Sloboda, Cleary, Arnhold, Jacobs, Kronzer, Hembd, Fank, Roth Day, Aldridge, Hensrud, Nordgren, P., Starratt, Bezrokov, Douglas, Christensen, Fitch, Sharp

Excused: Einerson

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Motion (Cleary/Jacobs) to approve minutes dated May 11, 2010. Motion carried.*

**RECEIVE EXECUTIVE MINUTES**

*Motion (Hembd/Cleary) to receive Executive Minutes. Motion carried.*

**REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR**

Chancellor Markwood recapped five significant initiatives:

1. Preparing for HLC visit, 2012. He noted that the HLC visit of 2002-03 has been closed but there are still concerns in regard to assessment.
2. Assessment-there is increased focus on these levels; program, general education and liberal education.
3. Growth Agenda. Our primary focus is retention.
4. Inclusive Excellence.
5. Full implementation of the Liberal Arts Initiatives.

**REPORT OF THE PROVOST**

Provost Hensrud began by thanking departments who have completed the annual reports. The next step is strategic planning. The CIPT has been involved setting a plan and to write unit and department plans using Weave On-Line. November 19<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for unit one year strategic plans. The three year plan deadline is January 28, 2011. Administration is interested in tying the strategic planning and the budget process together.

The HLC Assessment Academy is a group working on a four year project focusing on Liberal Education learning goals. The key for this year is to look at one goal per year. The goal for this year is "expressing ones self in multiple ways". What are the learning outcomes that are associated with that goal? Look for emails from E. Fujeida. Please participate to surveys, the next one will be sent by Mary Noyes. Faculty hiring, poised to start 19 faculty positions searches, 7 are from last year. In the past, funds from the recruitment and retention fund were used for faculty hiring. Due to collective bargaining, the union is being consulted regarding continued use of this fund. When this question is resolved, we will know how to proceed with hiring. Meanwhile, departments should continue to prepare for searches.

## REPORTS

### CHAIR REPORT

Chair Rosenberg highlighted items from the written report. Acceptance of the revised Personnel rules will be on the October agenda. Senators are urged to discuss this with their departments. Kronzer-note the footnotes for the old rules do not show on line. Hembd-question in regard to limited appointment. Kronzer, that is a system definition. What is the definition of administrative positions? How do you define faculty ? Half time or more is a faculty position that the rules will apply to.

#### **Secretary- No report**

**Faculty Representative** – Meetings will begin at the end of the month.

#### **Academic Program Review Council-No report**

#### **Planning and Budgetary Council-No Report**

**Personnel Council** - All members of the Personnel Council will be in attending the October senate meeting.

#### **Undergraduate Academic Affairs Council**

Two action items. **Change of Grade Policy** – *Motion (Simpson/Starratt) to approve the Change of Grade Policy.* Discussion. There is no purpose to have the current language stating the change of grade must go through the Credits Committee, that policy is not followed. Motion carried.

**NC Grade Creation-** *Motion (Kronzer/Hembd) to approve the creation of a NC Grade.*

Discussion. Incomplete and IP grades are posted to degrees which makes the transcript an incomplete document. Department chairs will be sent a form for those students applying for graduation who have I's and IP's to requesting the change to NC grade. The NC grade will not affect the student GPA or the degree. What happens if a student wants the NC to be changed to a letter grade? The student will need to retake the class. Motion carried.

**Graduate Council**-No report

**Student Senate**-No report

**Academic Staff Senate**-No report

### OLD BUSINESS

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### NEW BUSINESS

#### **I. Endorsement of BAAS Memorandum of Understanding**

Information provided by Provost Hensrud. Despite concerns and opposition, System approved the entitlement to plan. This is going forward whether we support it or not. The Memorandum of Understanding with Barron County will allow us to start the collaboration process as to what we might offer in this partnership. The 60 credits are in addition to the core courses. Discussion ensued, much of which focused on the perceived, unwelcome force-feeding of this issue.

*Motion (Cleary/Hembd) to endorse the BAAS Memorandum of Understanding.*

Motion carried with concern.

## **II. Alignment of Individually Designed Majors**

Rosenberg- there is a discrepancy in the GPA requirements between on campus and distance learning students, 3.0 on campus and 2.0 DL. *Motion (Cleary/Simpson) to refer the matter of alignment of the GPA requirement to Undergraduate Academic Affairs.* Motion carried.

## **III. Residence Life Events**

Guest Mickey Fitch, Assistant Director of Residence Life provided a handout that listed ways to get involved with the students outside of the classroom. One opportunity is Hive Nights in the Halls where faculty and staff informally visit the residence halls so the students see them in a different light. Positive comments about their experiences on campus were very positive. You can contact Mickey by calling 715-394-8575, visiting her office, YU 144 or email [mfitch1@uwsuper.edu](mailto:mfitch1@uwsuper.edu).

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion (Jacobs/Cleary) to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 2010 by Tim Cleary, Secretary, and Linda Sharp, Clerical Assistant.