CALL TO ORDER
Meeting called to order by Chair Einerson at 3:05 pm

Present    Einerson, Sloboda, Sherman, Cleary, Schmude, Clark, Hudelson, Griffith, Fank, Faerber, Marciniec, Nordgren D., Schlacks, Sipress, Schneiderwent, Jacobs, Crow, Lynch, Waxman, Toivola, Simpson, Markwood, Hanson, Fletcher, Russom, Nordgren P., Kueslik, Johnson, M., Sharp (recorder)

Absent: Beam

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion to approve Cleary/Toivola the minutes as read, Field Trip Hold Harmless portion questioned by Lynch. Einerson to clarify, minutes not approved as read.

Receive Executive Minutes
October 9, 2007
October 16, 2007

REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR
Jan Hansen reporting for Chancellor Erlanbach. An overview of the latest WI budget proposal and how it will affect the UW system.

REPORT OF THE PROVOST
The process for approving faculty positions will move forward with approved state budget. Search processes should begin during the first week of November. Provost Markwood outlined the initial criteria for the spring semester class schedule modifications. Question: who has the authority to cancel classes, answer, Provost Markwood. Discussion of budget, faculty salary savings. OSER compensation reserves will remain intact.

REPORTS
Chair: 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.

Secretary: Faculty senate secretary Cleary reported.
Ballots received and counted for replacement seats on two committees, Personnel Council and Budgetary Review Council. Results: 25 ballots received. Personnel Council: Beam 24 votes, 1 write in, Engstrom.
Program Review & Planning Council: Koehler, 22 votes, 2 write in, 1 Beam, 1 Engstrom, 1 no vote.
Faculty Representative (attachment) Sloboda
Faculty reps are continuing to work on establishing a working relationship and open lines of communication for Shared Governance. Joint meeting with academic staff reps will be held on Nov. 15. Agenda items include communication, System Strategic Plan, sick leave and appointment of interim chancellors. There is a sense that the BOR motive is to engage in minor adjustments of sick leave. The long term goal would be to develop a professional sick leave policy, something that would be amicable to all. Advantage Wisconsin Think Tanks representation is a great opportunity for our campus.

Program Review and Planning Council: No Report

Budget Review Council: No report


Undergraduate Academic Affairs Council (attachments) Joel Sipress, eight items requiring senate action:

1. Proposal for English Proficiency for Non Native speakers
   Motion to accept proposal, Johnson/Faerber. Discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Modifications in Degree Progress Report Policy
   Change for catalog copy: ‘approved degree progress on file, electronic or hard copy.’
   Motion to accept, Cleary/Griffith. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. General Education Revised Learning Goals and Recommended Actions
   Motion to accept, Hudelson/Clark. Discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Assessment of Prior Learning
   Motion to accept, Toivola/Clark. Discussion, clarification by P. Nordgren. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Bachelor of Music Education, choral genre, request for one credit exemption from total major credit policy.
   Motion to accept, Cleary/Waxman. Discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Proposed Writing Minor
   Motion to accept, Sloboda/Toivola. Discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Proposed Technology Minor
   Motion to accept, Waxman/Marcinec. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Proposed Chinese Minor
   Motion to accept, Crow/Faerber. Discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Graduate Council: No report.

Student Senate: Stefan Fletcher
The graduation fee has been increased by $10.00 to $35.00.
Senate members thanked the student government for their dedication and hard work for the budget process.

Academic Staff Senate: No report
OLD BUSINESS

I. 

Field Trip (attachments)

Einerson thanked Senator Lynch for his work of the discussion points document and sharing with executive members at the October 9 meeting. The committee discussed the points at length. Jan Hanson and Chair Einerson had a follow up meeting to discuss and characterize executive’s discussion and feedback. Floor open to Jan Hanson. She has been in contact with UW System and legal counsel, as well as Academic Staff Senate and Student Senate to ask for their feedback. Recommendation: this document should be used only for overnight trips and for field trips that will be riskier than the norm. Suggestion to consider a field trip as an extension of the classroom experience very helpful. As such, the student academic code of conduct would apply. The intent is for the document to be used as a communication tool. The document is asking the participants to take responsibility for their actions and requiring those who serve in a leadership capacity to be cognizant of those risks and responsibilities.

One major argument of the original document is that it is too legalistic, too hard to understand. The document is asking the students to hold the university harmless if the situation does not arise out of negligence of an employee who is properly conducting their job. System legal will look at this statement.

Signature issue: students who have difficulty understanding the document may talk to Jan Hanson (or a representative from her office) before signing. Grade requirement issue: if the field trip is a component of the grade requirement, student will be provided the opportunity to make up the grade if they do not participate. Photograph release issue: clarification, university public relations photos, not students taking photos. Students would be asked for permission to use their photo for university public relation purposes. The paragraph could be removed or crossed out and initialed by student if no PR photos were to be taken during that trip.

Toivola reminded the body that there is no policy in regard to hotel room arrangements. Hanson’s goal is to put some type of finalization to the document if no objections are made. Discussion closed.

II. Student Health & Counseling Services

Report for Student Senate (attachment)

Motion to defer agenda item offered by Clark/Toivola. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

I. Textbook rental guidelines and bookstore revenue analysis (attachments)

Susan Kuselik presented a review of textbook rental task force. V. Russom, bookstore manager, discussed the cost, new/used/rental. Discussion. Rental vs purchase of new would save students approximately 35 per cent. Rental vs used shows an increase in cost to students. Discussion of “E” books – not a viable option at this time. The consultant review completed last year concluded that the UW Superior bookstore is one of the most efficient in the system. Fifty two percent of the books for sale are purchased used.
II. Departmental self-governance: Proposed motion from Senate Executive Committee:
The Chemistry Department be put into receivership and a department chair be appointed by the Provost. The department will engage in expanded discussions with Faculty Senate Executive Committee members, the Provost, and other faculty members, as appropriate. The purpose of these discussions is to move toward a more permanent departmental governance solution to be in place by January 1, 2008, if possible.

Chair Einerson updated the senate with pertinent background information of the agenda item. Clarification by Toivola: the request to executive committee regarding the right of departments to govern themselves was specific to imposition Provost’s of unanimity rule on the department, and a mandatory meeting time.

Discussion of the motion and clarification of specific issues.

Motion to accept the proposed motion as read by Clark/Cleary. Discussion. Question by Toivola, it is indicated that the appointed chair would be a voting chair; this would bring the total voting capacity of the department to 4. Under those circumstances would the unanimity rule be relaxed? Provost Markwood answered yes. Discussion.

Chair Einerson put this motion as stated on the agenda to a hand vote. All in favor of the motion as written on the agenda, 13. Abstaining, 2. Opposed, 0. Motion carries.

Motion to adjourn Cleary/Sherman,

Meeting adjourned by Chair Einerson at 4:50pm

Respectfully submitted by Linda Sharp, faculty senate clerical assistant, on this 29th day of October, 2007.