CALL TO ORDER  The meeting was called to order by Chair Einerson at 3:05 p.m.


Absent:  Beam, Erlenbach, Sloboda

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion was made to accept the minutes of September 18, 2007.  (Lynch/Clark).  No revisions.  Minutes approved as read.
Motion was made to accept the minutes of October 23, 2007.  (Clark/Griffith). No revisions.  Minutes approved as read.

RECEIVE EXECUTIVE MINUTES
Minutes of the November 6, 2007 executive senate meeting.

REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR  No report

REPORT OF THE PROVOST
Progress continues with 12 faculty searches.  Update of the new academic building planning; architects were on campus and met with a variety of groups for input.
Deb Nordgren has been appointed interim director of the JDH Library for a term of 2.5 years.  A University announcement will be made on November 21, 2007.

REPORTS
Chair
Update of the chemistry department: At the first meeting on November 13, attendees brainstormed 18-19 possible recommendations to administration regarding how the department may proceed.  At the next meeting, Tuesday, November 27, the agenda is to weigh the cost and benefits of the alternatives. The “student athlete early advisement announcement” (now on hold) was premature and without full consultation of administration or governance.  The proposal will be discussed with UAAC.
General advisement and Soar process and program discussions are proceeding in Academic Affairs Council in consultation with Academic Advisement Committee.  The plan is to look at and propose revisions to Soar 2005 model.

Faculty Representative  (attachment)
Academic Staff Senate
A joint meeting of faculty and academic staff reps. was held in November.
Shared governance principles and guidelines committee will not become a governance body, purely a liaison and representative group, any action going forward requiring governance body input will come back to the campus for faculty governance and academic staff input.  This will allow the process of decision making at system level easier, and will allow time for feedback from the governance body.
The Academic Staff Senate is also working on establishing a mentoring program for new staff.  An academic staff salary review is progressing and will soon be ready to move to the next step.

Program Review and Planning Council   No Report
Budget Review Council  No report

Personnel Council  Working on pay plan and post tenure review.

Undergraduate Academic Affairs Council  (attachment)
Action items:
1. Proposed change in the math core requirement.
   Motion to approve proposed change in the math core requirement. (Lynch/Waxman)
   Approved unanimously.

2. Increase Early Childhood Education minor from 21 – 23 credits.
   Motion to approve the increase credits Early Childhood Education minor. (Cleary/Griffith)
   Approved unanimously.

Report of Academic advisement issues. This will be a significant agenda item at the December 4, 2007 meeting. Recommendations have been received from the Undergraduate Academic Advisement Committee (this committee reports to the Academic Affairs council) and concerns were shared regarding the uncertainty of academic advising, particularly summer advising. The sense of the undergraduate advising committee is that it might be healthy to take this issue out of the purview of that committee and bring to the full academic affairs council. This would allow these issues to be discussed at a place where all undergraduate departments would be represented, allowing all departments to be involved in the dialogue with administration to reach a shared understanding of how academic advising in general, and summer advising in particular, should take place.

Graduate Council
Graduate council is discussing processes, procedures, and communication aspects of being a graduate student, so we may be of better service.

Student Senate
The library interior design committee began its work last week. Student government is negotiating with Higher One, a financial aid refund service the university is contracted with, to ensure that a student survey will be conducted beginning spring semester. This is so we, as a campus, will see the student perspective of how this is operating. This is especially useful when revisiting the contract when the current period is up. The Student government is also working with library staff to evaluate the differential tuition paid to the library, the existing agreement ends with spring semester. A determination needs to be made as to what to do with the surcharge, which equates to approx $150.00 per full time student. Clarification of Library expenditures by D. Nordgren, Library Director: 80 percent for acquisition, 20 percent operating expenses.

OLD BUSINESS
1. Student Health and Counseling
   Einerson has asked the new vice chancellor, Vickie Hajewski to report to the full senate in January or February.
   Motion to table (Cleary/Marcinec), motion tabled.

NEW BUSINESS
1. VSA  (attachment)  (attachment)
   Update from Chair Einerson of the timetable. The VSA is going forward. Each campus will be able to customize some of the component parts of their accountability reporting.
   The layers of measure are: 1) individual enrollment/admission, 2) system wide use of NSSE (student experience), and 3) Learning Outcomes Assessment Tool.
   Learning assessment tools: Each campus will choose between three prescribed assessment tools. A choice of tools must be in place by February 2008. The program will be entered as a pilot, including two years of data collection before evaluation. Results will be posted in 4 years.
   Floor open to discussion.
Provost Markwood to ask other COPLAC institutions what assessment they are using and report back to senate.

Motion offered (Toivola/Clark): The Faculty Senate Chair put out a call for faculty volunteers to serve on a group to research, evaluate, and make recommendations on the VSA (Voluntary System of Accountability) measures, including the CLA, CAAP and MAAP. Faculty with expertise on qualitative and quantitative assessment tools are encouraged to volunteer. Discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Peggy Marciniec and Cathy Fank volunteered to work with the group.

II. Personnel Council, proposed motion:
Mones allocated for decompression of faculty salaries at UW-S for the 07-08 academic year be divided among full professors using the following formula:
$.001 \times \text{years in rank as professor} \times \text{current salary} \times J\times 100\% \text{ of available decompression monies for the 07-08 academic year.}$
$J=\text{a constant derived when other figures (# of professors eligible, current salaries, years in rank, and total $ available) have been determined.}$

Motion to accept the motion. (Waxman/Marcinec)
Discussion of the formula.
Motion carried unanimously.

III. Math & Computer Science Response to PRPC Response (attachment CSCI) (attachment Math & Computer)
Motion to receive the responses and forward to PRPC and Provost Markwood. (Clark/Lynch)
Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion to adjourn (Faeber/ Waxman).
Adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on this 26th day of November by Linda Sharp, faculty senate clerical assistant.