

Faculty Senate Report
Department of Youth Development Meeting – May 12, 2009
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Report covers January 14 and March 10 meetings and ongoing business

Assistant Vice Chancellor position: Faculty senators have been involved with other UW-Extension faculty and governance bodies in expressing their concern of eliminating the Secretary of the Faculty and Academic staff position and folding the job duties into the proposed Assistant Vice Chancellor position.

Discussion on **shared governance and collective bargaining** was the main topic in March. The possibility of collective bargaining is proposed in the Governor's Budget. If collective bargaining were agreed upon, it would primarily be for the purpose of wages and benefits as Shared Governance would continue and areas currently covered under Shared Governance cannot be bargained for.

UW-Extension Faculty Governance documents will be updated to include **UWS 7**, "Dismissal of Faculty in Special Cases" to be in compliance with policy as the Board of Regents (BOR) passed changes at the UW System level.

Received final report by Ad Hoc **Article 4** Implementation Committee. Article 4 focuses on the Faculty Governance Unit (FGU) which was revised by Faculty Senate January 2008. Article 4 was revised to ensure faculty governance rights and responsibilities are being protected and carried out properly statewide and throughout all UW-Extension units.

Main changes to county office "practice" includes:

- "The functions of the department head/office management and faculty governance unit are distinct functions."
- "The election of the faculty governance unit chair is separate from the selection process for the department head/office management head. A person can service in both the department head/office management head administrative role and the faculty governance unit chair if selected as such from the respective selection process."

University Committee will take action on the report and proposed implementation plan at their next meeting on February 10, 2008. Once approved, it will go forth to the Chancellor for approval with the implementation process to begin. University Committee members and Faculty Senators will keep their respective academic department members updated on progress including educating them on procedural changes.

UW-Extension Faculty Senate is sponsoring three **Faculty Tenure Orientations** – May 14, July 9, and September 18 in Stevens Point. The target audience is Probationary Faculty, Mentors, and SRP/FTAC members. Thank-you to the many Department of Youth Development members involved in making these workshops a success.

Appendix I.B and Appendix II.B have been approved by the Chancellor and the documents are being forwarded to UW System for action hopefully at the June Board of Regents meeting.

Upcoming Faculty Senate Meetings:

- Tuesday, June 9
- Tuesday, September 8
- Tuesday, December 8