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**University Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**March 13, 2007**  
**The Pyle Center – Madison, WI**

**Call to Order/Certification of Open Meeting Notice Compliance**

Chair Burke called the meeting to order at 11:34 and certified compliance with the open meetings law. Members present: Tom Hooyer, Mary Gruenewald, Mark Kopecky, Karen Nelson, Rob Burke. Others attending: Marv Van Kekerix, Ray Schultz, Kate Wodyn.

**Approval of Minutes of February 14, 2007 Meeting**

Hearing no changes, Chair Burke considered them approved.

**Vice Chancellor Report**

Vice Chancellor Van Kekerix outlined what he plans to cover at Faculty Senate meeting. The Board of Regents report will include the report from the Commission on Enhancing the Mission of the UW Colleges and the UW-Waukesha merger and Chippewa Valley Technical College issues. He will also comment on the status of the state budget; the Governor supports the Growth Agenda, but it appears that funding will be in the second year of the biennium. He will cover highlights from David Wilson's February 7 shared vision speech and what the next steps might be. He will distribute and discuss the March 2 email from David Wilson on the senior leadership team and the accompanying organizational charts (handout). In personnel updates, Ann Keim has been named as special assistant to the vice chancellor; David Schejbal has been hired as Dean of Continuing Education, Outreach and E-Learning starting July 1. The CIO search is underway and the Director of Broadcasting and Media Innovations search is just commencing. Discussion: Hooyer commented that an earlier draft of the organizational chart did not have the HR position reporting to the Chancellor; a positive change is that now it does. Gruenewald commented that Chancellor Wilson really seemed to have heard comments from the last University Committee meeting that he attended and it would be good to communicate to Faculty Senate that we had the opportunity to give this feedback to him. Nelson asked about the recruitment/retention money left in the governor's budget and how that impacts us, and also the recommendation about collective bargaining. Van Kekerix responded that he understands that the retention fund will remain but probably not described as a "star fund" and he is not sure whether it will be both recruitment and retention. He also commented that he has heard almost nothing about collective bargaining but it is on the Vice Chancellors teleconference agenda on 3/16. Gruenewald asked about the programmatic collaborations boxes below each Provost on the organizational chart. Van Kekerix replied that those on the senior leadership team have responsibilities across both institutions and that both provosts have responsibilities with program collaborations. He also mentioned Ann Keim's new position. Burke expressed he has heard comments about whether the administrative integration process is evolving into full-blown merger. Van Kekerix explained that if you get to the outer part of the organizational chart there is no integration taking place. He further commented that the Board of Regents encouraged us to look beyond administrative integration and look for programmatic collaboration. Van Kekerix does not feel the programmatic collaboration is very extensive; mostly around service-learning and the University Channel project. The NCHEMS consultant commented that the governance part would be the last to merge; although he admitted he did not know much about Extension. Gruenewald again mentioned going beyond just collaborations to meeting the needs of lifelong learners. Colleges has a more individual focus whereas Extension helps build community capacity which she feels is a higher level purpose.

**Chair Remarks**

Burke asked for volunteers to serve on a panel at the faculty tenure workshops; one from each academic department is needed. The workshops are designed not only for those who are applying for tenure, but new SRP and FTAC members as well as mentors—important to attend. Burke will express to the senators how keen the chancellor has been on accepting our feedback. Burke met with the Cooperative Extension Academic Standing Leadership Committee by phone and discussed Faculty Articles of Governance #4 regarding the Administrative Unit (this is an agenda item for the Faculty Senate meeting). A question about morale was also discussed. Burke feels there is some angst about the pace of change, but he doesn't think we're demoralized.

Faculty Reps report: Nelson didn't have much to report but said there has been a lot of email traffic. The technical college credit transfer issue is of great concern. For discussion at some point is the issue of the proposed shared governance group between UW System and Board of Regents and what type of issues should be brought to this group. Nelson distributed copies of the original draft and what has come out as the suggested questionnaire. Hooyer feels this has come out of the lack of communication on the part of the BOR with the UWS 7 issue and it is important to limit the power of this group so as not to diminish the voice of individual governance groups. This issue will come up at the Faculty Reps meeting on 3/30. It was agreed to share these drafts with the Senate today for discussion and suggest forming a committee for providing feedback to Rob who will attend the 3/30 meeting.

### **Review Faculty Senate Agenda**

Pat Malone will attend the Faculty Senate meeting to address concerns regarding one of the white papers on program coverage. Burke mentioned that this issue came up at the December Faculty Senate meeting as a white paper on regionalization; actually it is a draft addressing program coverage in CRD. He explained there are two papers, one by CEAC and one by Western district (distributed via email prior to meeting). There was a request to share these documents with senators. Burke has the sense there is not a push for regionalization. Related to this, Hooyer expressed that it is important for Extension to promote scholarship and bring it up a notch and work with the administration on this. The comment was made that the counties don't care about scholarship when it comes to budget cuts; Burke commented they don't know that they appreciate it. Kopecky emphasized the need to keep the great examples of scholarship current. Hooyer wondered how we ramp it up to the next level to those in the counties making the decisions. Van Kekerix said it is important to get the language right and if you keep talking about it, it can resonate. Gruenewald commented that what makes our Extension program so strong in this state is having all four program areas represented in each county. We need to keep this ideal and continue to work toward it. Discussion ensued. Burke said sometimes the program coverage arrangements can help demonstrate the need for the position in the county (example of Brown County). However, some counties are looking only at cutting and no amount of great scholarship matters.

Burke distributed documents regarding Article 4 to guide the discussion at the Faculty Senate meeting.

Adjourned to the Faculty Senate meeting at 1:00.

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