

Approved 10/09/2007

**University Committee Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2007
The Pyle Center – Madison, WI**

1. Call to Order/Certification of Open Meeting Notice Compliance

Call to order at 11:37 by Chair Burke; certified compliance with Wisconsin Open Meetings Law. Members attending: Dave Hart, David Nack, Rob Burke, Karen Nelson, Judy Knudsen (for Chris Kniep), Greg Blonde
Others: Greg Lampe (UW Colleges Interim Provost), Ray Schultz, Kate Wodyn

2. Approval of Minutes of August 8, 2007

Hearing no changes, Burke considered them approved.

3. Chair Remarks

Burke distributed a summary of 2006-07 University Committee/Faculty Senate activities. Many issues came from the Board of Regents (UWS 7 for example) rather than from ourselves, which put us in reactive mode. He expressed an interest in becoming more proactive in this governance year. Burke reviewed some of the main issues/topics that were dealt with. This will also be distributed and discussed at the Senate meeting.

Burke also reported that he, David Nack and Michael Maguire met and worked on the resolution in response to the Assembly's proposed state budget. That resolution was sent to all staff by email and hard copies to the Conference Committee of the Legislature. Rob also attended the UW Colleges/UW-Extension institutional orientation in August and was on a governance panel with Lisa Seale and Michael Maguire. One topic was to describe the culture of governance in Extension. Burke expressed our passion about work and scholarship, that we are mindful of local/county partners and other stakeholders and keen on giving meaningful input on issues. At various departmental meetings, he has sensed some concern over the number of strategic planning initiatives, the administrative integration (going too far?) and concern over the budget. Karen Nelson reported that the System Faculty Reps group will be meeting later this month; no retreat was held this summer. There has been an increase in email traffic just this week. Rob will attend the November Faculty Reps meeting in Karen's place.

4. Review Faculty Senate Agenda

The committee reviewed items on the Faculty Senate meeting agenda that follows this meeting. Lampe can comment on the status of the Joint Governance Work Group since Marv Van Kekerix is not here. There will be various status reports from the ad hoc committees. Rob Burke added #10 regarding Faculty Tenure Advisory Committee meetings with dept. chairs on scholarship and tenure. There are many discussions on various levels regarding this and hopefully these can be sorted out. There was a brief discussion about the co-located meeting with the UW Colleges Senate in January and suggestions for ways of getting members to mix with others. Schultz will distribute copies of the faculty rights and responsibilities brochure. Nelson said she still feels a need to help determine what issues are appropriate for governance; this is part of the being proactive discussion (handout). She would like to spend a little time talking about this.

5. Discussion

Greg Lampe provided an overview of three levels of strategic planning. First is the UW System level (not a strategic plan but a framework) consisting of seven think tanks. Their big question is what will the UW System look like in the next 3-4 years? The next level is the institution-level planning (UWC and UWEX) that Marv Van Kekerix is heading. Each monthly meeting will be topic-specific. The third level is individual units doing their own plan; including Colleges (all 13 campuses and online program). Some discussion continued about the Administrative Integration, and a suggestion that the steering committee consider an assessment as a next step. There also was some discussion around programmatic collaboration. What came out of the discussion is that Lampe will gather information on the specialty areas of Colleges faculty to look for possible linkages with UW-Extension program

areas/units. After that, the next step could be how to foster these collaborations without it being threatening.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

Recorded by Wodyn, 9-11-07