

Approved 10-10-06

**University Committee Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2006
The Pyle Center – Madison, WI**

1. **Call to Order/Certification of Open Meeting Notice Compliance**
Chair Burke called the meeting to order at 12:01 and certified compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law. Members present: Rob Burke, Mark Kopecky, Karen Nelson, Mary Gruenewald, David Nack, Tom Hooyer. Others in attendance: Marv Van Kekerix, Ray Schultz, Kate Wodyn.
2. **Approval of Minutes of August 9, 2006 meeting**
Hearing no suggested changes Burke considered them approved.
3. **Chancellor/Vice Chancellor Remarks**
The topics of the joint governance discussion and UWS 7 have separate agenda items. Provost and Vice Chancellor Van Kekerix reported that Chancellor Wilson is in the process of re-evaluating his communication venues. Van Kekerix is interested in the reaction to no written governance report this time. Hooyer felt there was value in having it posted on the Chancellor's web page. It was agreed to look at the communication from the Chancellor and then members could let Van Kekerix know what they would like more information on, or if there are additional topics to discuss. Karen Nelson commented that the Adult Student Initiative might be a big issue among the other faculty reps because of the lack of a governance role in forming the Growth Agenda.
4. **Chair Remarks**
Burke mentioned the big issue is UWS 7 and hopefully we'll come to closure on this today at the Faculty Senate meeting. There was a question about joint governance and Marv Van Kekerix's memo to the governance groups dated 8-11-06. The Chancellor has asked the governance groups to look at or create a new model for joint governance between Extension and Colleges. The understanding is that we can look at this but there is the possibility that the outcome may be to keep things separate. This would be a gigantic task. Burke met with Doug Hosler, his governance counterpart at Colleges. His ideas are pretty much in line with Burke's. Karen has had numerous discussions with the Dept. of Youth Development vice chair and they feel governance is more than just talking with the chancellor; it is about doing their jobs better. If a joint governance arrangement does not enhance or hinders that, it is not acceptable. In the School for Workers, there is a similar feeling. Colleges does much different work. The School for Workers does not want to lose the community of interest they share. There was consensus not to rush into this.
5. **Review Faculty Senate Agenda**
Mary Grant will join the Faculty Senate meeting to give a brief update on the Outreach Scholarship Conference. Most of Chair Burke's remarks will come up in the other agenda items. Senator roles and responsibilities will be discussed by Ray Schultz. Nack distributed a draft resolution on UWS 7 from the UW-Whitewater faculty senate. The resolution removes "being charged with" from the definition of serious criminal misconduct and a faculty member can't be suspended without pay until they have plead guilty or no contest to charges, or been convicted. Nack feels his could certainly fit within our resolution.
6. **Discussion of Institutional Issues and Opportunities Appropriate for Faculty Governance**
No further discussion
7. **Adjourn**
The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Recorded by Wodyn, 9-12-06