Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 3, 2015  
10am-1pm  
Pyle Center, Madison  

Present:  
Craig Saxe, Aaron Brower, Dan Hill, Shelley Tidemann, Greg Hutchins, Kathy Eisenmann,  
Connie Creighton, Barb Barker, Patrick Nehring, Don Taylor, Kristin Krokowski, Kathy  
Metzenbauer, Cathy Sandeen, Jay Zambito, Mary Pardee, Art Lersch, Greg Wise, Kelly  
Thomas, Judy Ballweg  

Via Phone:  
Tedi Winnett, Kate Pawasarat, Dawn VandeVoort, Trisha Wagner  

Called meeting to order at 10am and certified open meetings requirement – Craig Saxe  

Welcome and Introductions – all  

Approval of September meeting minutes  
  • minutes approved as distributed  

Chancellor Dialogue – Cathy Sandeen  
  • The Chancellor has a broad and deep understanding of higher education and that shared  
governance is a core value along with academic freedom, accreditation, and diversity of  
institutions. Cathy is currently in the planning phase of how to work with all governance  
groups. She will meet a few times individually with all councils and then will focus mostly on  
attending the joint meetings. However, she is always open to invitations to attend individual  
council meetings. Video recorded Chancellor Updates will be distributed to all staff on a  
regular basis.  
  • UW System President, Ray Cross, met on Feb. 2 with academic and faculty reps to discuss  
the pending delivery of the biennial budget. We appreciate the President’s connectedness  
and open communication. Topics discussed: the budget and base funding cuts, flexibilities,  
and Chapter 36 statutory language changes.  
  • Please mark your calendar and plan to attend: Town Hall Meeting, February 9, 11-12. Be  
looking for an email with additional details.  

Provost and Vice Chancellor Dialogue – Aaron Brower  
  • Budget Update: There have been several news articles about the state budget process and  
its potential effect on the UW System, UW Colleges and UW-Ext. Increased autonomy and  
flexibility will provide savings and benefits along with the dedicated funding stream.  
Combined, this will stabilize our future. Budget cuts will not likely be distributed using past  
formulas. It will be important for us to gain the ability to set undergrad in-state tuition. Letter  
to the Editor campaign – letters should be written by constituents about the value of UW-Ext.  
Possible next steps: advocacy efforts, fundraising, Flex Option opportunities, innovative  
funds investment. The Governor delivers the biennial budget tonight.  

Title IX Revisions and Revisions to Chapters UWS 4, 7, 11 – Kelly Thomas, Office of  
Equity, Diversity and Inclusion  
  • Kelly provided background on the UW System taskforce assigned to review these  
documents and suggested revisions. Don Taylor and Kathy Eisenmann provided feedback  
and will forward those comments to Christine Curley. Send any additional feedback to  
Christine Curley (Christine.curley@uwex.edu) by February 15.
Reimagining UW-Extension Update – Greg Hutchins
- Greg distributed and discussed the draft version of the Issue Guide. Public forums are being planned.

Faculty Annual Review Subcommittee Report and Discussion – Kathy Eisenmann, Jeff Hoffman
- There are many questions to be answered. Five pilot faculty governance units have been identified with the chairs of those units trained by academic department chairs on February 6.

Engaging Faculty Senators in their work – all
- Faculty Tenure Orientation Workshop
  Date/Location: Wednesday, April 22, 2015 / Jefferson Street Inn-Wausau
  Planning Team: Don Taylor (chair), Mary Pardee, Tedi Winnett, Kristin Krokowski, Amy Greil
- SRP/FTAC Scholarship Forum
  Date/Location: TBD
  Planning Team: Craig Saxe, Patrick Nehring, Barb Barker, Connie Creighton, Shelley Tidemann

University Committee Reports
Systemwide Extension Council – Kathy Eisenmann
- Next meeting is March 3
Academic Leadership Standing Committee – Craig Saxe
- Nothing to report.
UW System Faculty Reps Update – Craig Saxe
- Role of faculty in Governor’s budget proposal was discussed.
Coop Ext Administration Committee (CEAC) Liaison Update – Marty Havlovic
- Discussing orientation for Chancellor Cathy Sandeen.
Statewide Resource Management Team – Art Lersch
- Discussed pending retirements, Farm Bureau policy votes and UW-Ext required credentials, SIPR, role of FGU chair, statement of intent, merit criteria. It was suggested that SRMT communicate closely with Faculty Senate and University Committee.

UWC/UWEX Administrative Council – Don Taylor
- Nothing to report.

Identification of Future UC and FS Meeting Topics
- Outside Activities Report and University Committee subcommittee (Craig Saxe, Jeff Hoffman, Marty Havlovic)
- Farm Bureau Policy Development Piece on hiring Masters versus Bachelors
- Budget Update (to include dialogue with Deans)
- Importance of the County Partnership (Chancellor’s orientation)
- Review actions (resolutions) taken by other UW Senates
- Formation of a joint Faculty Senate/Academic Staff/Classified Staff committee on merit

Meeting Adjourned at 1:35pm
~minutes submitted by Judy Ballweg~