

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 8, 2010
1:30-5pm
Pyle Center
702 Langdon Street, Madison

Present:

Chris Kniep, Chuck Prissel, Ken Mericles (in place of Corliss Olson), Tom Evans, Kathleen Haas, Connie Eisch, Otto Wiegand, Matt Hanson, Jane Jensen, Barb Haynes, Jennifer Erickson, Catherine Neiswender, Joan Wimpe, Barb Barker, Rene Mehlberg, Chancellor David Wilson, Christine Quinn, Greg Hutchins, Judy Ballweg, Greg Blonde, Pete Kling, Joe Bollman

Excused:

Jane Jensen, Mike Ballweg, Jennifer Erickson, Eric Carson

1. Meeting called to order at 1:35pm by Chris Kniep and certified open meeting requirements.
2. Approval of March 5 meeting minutes
 - Rene Mehlberg moved to approve with edits, Barb Barker seconded, minutes approved.
3. Chancellor Update
 - The 2011-2013 state budget is projected to have a \$2.5 billion shortfall.
 - Board of Regents Meeting is scheduled for June 10-11, UW-Milwaukee. On the agenda is a proposed 5.5% tuition increase. We were reminded that the institution's operating budget, salaries and pay plan is supported from a percentage of tuition.
 - Complements to Christine Quinn and David Schejbal for the excellent eCampus leadership. An update was given to the Chancellors several weeks ago. After much discussion, this effort has been renamed to University of Wisconsin System eCampus. This effort has the potential to greatly increase access to the UW System. The BAAS degree (Bachelors of Applied Arts and Sciences) effort is moving forward with support from the Board of Regents.
 - The institution is in good financial health, not knowing what the 2011-2013 budget has in store. The dollars being carried forward will be money that enables the institution to shore up investments of one-time items.
 - UW-Extension and UW Colleges must continue to work hard on positioning themselves in preparation for the next Governor. Meetings have taken place with Scott Walker and Tom Barrett which focused on economic development, job creation, and accessibility to higher education.

Chris Kniep, University Committee Chair, presented Chancellor Wilson with The University of Wisconsin-Extension Faculty Senate and the Academic Staff Council "Resolution Honoring the Leadership of UW Colleges and UW-Extension Chancellor David Wilson".

Remarks and applause followed.

4. Provost Update

Theme of update is collaboration and excellence:

- The Faculty Tenure Orientation Workshop held in Stevens Point, in May, was an excellent example of scholarship and collaboration. Congratulations on how committed tenured faculty is to the success of junior faculty. Thanks to all who made this event such a success.
- Broadband Grants
 - Comprehensive Community Infrastructure has completed due diligence process.
 - Sustainable Broadband Adoption is nearly completed due diligence process.
 - For additional info:
http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cced/economies/broadband/uwex_btop_grant_applications.cfm
- Sustainability Initiative

The goal is to position us as an institution that leads innovation around community sustainability and creates an educational network for Wisconsin communities. Next steps include taking an inventory of UW-Ext and UW Colleges resources, exploration of funding sources, completion and distribution of policy recommendations from the Policy Forum. For additional info --

<http://sustainablecommunitiesforum.wisconsin.edu/>

- LZ Lambeau Welcome Home, held May 20-23, Lambeau Field in Green Bay was an outstanding collaborative effort that truly transformed lives. For additional info -- <http://lzlambeau.org/>
- UW Colleges Colloquium was held at UW Fox Valley, May 25. The theme was “Engagement” and Lt. Governor Lawton was the keynote speaker. Corrin Seaman, Florence County Natural Resource Center, also spoke about sustainability work being done in her county.
- Stephan Gilchrist, Chief Diversity Officer, UW Colleges and UW-Extension is providing leadership to the Inclusive Excellence Initiative designed to help fully integrate diversity and educational quality efforts and embed them into the core of academic mission and institutional functioning.

Discussion followed on collaborative efforts currently underway in addition to exploring ways to identify opportunities.

Christine Quinn presented a certificate of appreciation and thanks to the following outgoing Faculty Senate members – René Mehlberg, Catherine Neiswender, Barb Haynes, Matt Hanson.

5. Secretary of the Faculty/Academic Staff and Assistant Vice Chancellor Update

- Program Innovation Funds call for proposals have generated 21 proposals, totaling more than \$500,000 in requests. Partners in these proposals include all four UW-Extension divisions, five UW Colleges, and nine UW institutions. A review team has been appointed and proposals are posted to a SharePoint site. The review team will meet mid-June and prepare for an early July announcement, totaling \$150,000.
- Work continues on the UWEX website redesign. It is scheduled to go “live” in mid-July. Be looking for a webpage designated to Understanding Tenure as well as Understanding Scholarship (profiling the scholarly work of colleagues). The Understanding Scholarship webpage will post examples of scholarly work that Scott Peters will use at the Coop Ext all-staff conference in October. This webpage will also have posted video pieces recorded during the conference. A Scholarship Discussion Group is also being explored. There will be an Awards webpage that will link to the sponsor and application process.
- Carnegie Classification – UW-Extension is preparing an “engagement classification” application. Approximately 200 institutions have this nationally recognized classification. The program impacts team (Larry Jones, Mary Crave, Barbara Dueholm, Ashwini Rao) has been asked to help with the application process. The deadline is September 1.
- Our application for the 2010 C. Peter Magrath University Community Engagement Award, “Partners in Building a Sustainable Economy: The Diverse Roles of an Engaged University in Northeast Wisconsin”, was not selected as a regional winner. Feedback from the review team is expected this month. The winners will be honored at the Outreach Scholarship Conference at NC State in Raleigh, in October.

6. Chair Report

- Search and Screen Committee for the new Chancellor for UW-Extension and UW Colleges is making progress. The position description appears to be in its final version. Website development is progressing.
- Priorities discussions for today include Faculty Tenure Orientation (Sept. 14), Faculty Governance Unit Chairs Orientation WisLine (June 17), and Tenure and Scholarship Annual Review Forum (Aug 3)
- Kniep asked all Faculty Senators to identify their substitute and forward the name to Judy Ballweg/Greg Hutchins by July 1 – per Senate policy. She also asked out-going Senators to pass along their records to their successor.

7. Confirm two Faculty Hearings Committee Nominations

- Barb Haynes moved to confirm Tim Rehbein, Vernon County and Marie Witzel, St. Croix as members of the Faculty Hearings Committee, with a 3-year term (2010-2013), Otto Wiegand seconded, membership confirmed.

8. Approval of 2010-2011 revised meeting schedule

Barb Barker moved to approve the 2010-2011 revised meeting schedule, Connie Eisch seconded, meeting schedule approved.

9. University Committee Report

- Coop Ext Program Areas and Districts are participating in a “10% budget reduction” exercise in an effort to be proactive with fiscal resources. Academic Leadership Standing Committee met with Rick Klemme this morning. This is a 3-4 month data gathering exercise to determine how best to plan for a budget reduction in addition to getting a sense of what the division might look like in July 2013. Any and all ideas are on the table.

For additional information link to the June 7 Dean’s WisLine --

<http://www.uwex.edu/digital/deanetn/june10.cfm>

(Sustaining and Growing Financial Support over the Next Decade)

Next Steps:

--Roll out the exercise findings, form “themed” conversation groups

--Perhaps a good time for University Committee to have a conversation with Rick Klemme might be the September 7 meeting.

It was suggested that the topic of “how to increase revenue” be placed on future Faculty Senate meeting agendas.

10. Faculty Senate Committee Reports

- Article 4: Faculty Governance Unit Election Update – Matt Hanson, Chuck Prissel, Karen Hintz, Chris Kniep, Greg Hutchins
 - ✓ An email will go out yet this week announcing the June 17, 11-12 Orientation WisLine. The session will be recorded and archived.
- 2010 Tenure Orientation Workshops – Catherine Neiswender (Chair), Barb Haynes, Pete Kling, Joan Wimpe, Mike Ballweg, Matt Hanson, Ted Bay, Paula Huff
 - ✓ The first workshop was held on Monday, May 10. Thanks to everyone who contributed towards the success of this workshop.
 - ✓ An evaluation survey has been sent to the May 10 participants with a deadline date of June 14. Results will be gathered and shared with the committee.
 - ✓ The second workshop is scheduled for September 14. Email registration will be sent out early August. Tom Stafford is scheduled to attend.
 - ✓ It was suggested that modules be available via streaming video for posting onto the website.
- Tenure and Scholarship Annual Review Forum – Kathleen Haas, Greg Blonde
 - ✓ Forum is scheduled for August 3, in Stevens Point.
 - ✓ The next planning team WisLine is scheduled for June 21.
 - ✓ It was suggested starting the discussion for electronic submission of tenure documents that could then go to the departments.
- University Workforce Commission Update
Kathleen Haas has filled a vacancy on this Commission. This is an advisory group that looks at compensation between states with different categories of employees (e.g. faculty, academic staff, classified staff, etc.). The group then makes recommendations based on the data to move forward.

11. Governance Orientation

- Orientation is Wednesday, August 18 via Wisline; time TBD, 90 minute maximum
- Focus is for new members to University Committee/Faculty Senate, but all members including alternates are encouraged to attend.
- WisLine will be archived
- Suggested topics
 - ✓ Chair summary of 2009-2010
 - ✓ Collective bargaining
 - ✓ Article 4
 - ✓ Technology – new direction, greater access (similar to the discussion at the co-located meeting at UW Fond du Lac)
 - ✓ Celebrate successes (e.g. Tenure Orientation Workshops)
- Suggested future topic of hiring trends – Is Extension having trouble finding the best candidates for positions?

12. Collective Bargaining – discussion

- UW-Superior & UW-Eau Claire have approved collective bargaining and has voted in the American Federation of Teachers as their representative body.

13. Discussion of institutional issues and opportunities appropriate for governance

- Prissel sincerely thanked Kniep for her work as University Committee Chair representing faculty at many functions and on many committees for the past year

Kniep adjourned the meeting at 4:45p.m.

~minutes submitted by Judy Ballweg~