

University Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 1, 2016
10:30am-1pm
Pyle Center, Madison

Attendance: John Stone, Suresh Chalansani, Kim Kostka, Aaron Brower, Andrea Cool, Judy Ballweg, Alexia Kulwiec, Jeff Hoffman, Jay Zambito, Craig Saxe, Barb Barker, Chris Kniep

Call to Order at 10:36am and Certification of Open Meeting Notice Compliance – Barb Barker, Chair

Welcome and Introductions – all

Approval of October Meeting Minutes

Minutes approved.

UW-Ext Educational Communications Department and Flex Option Degree Programs Policy Consideration – John Stone, Jerry Braatz, Don Taylor

1. A Curricular Matrix was presented and described as outlining the approval process for Flex Degree program changes and revisions. Stone reported that it is based on common models found at other degree granting institutions.
2. A Summary of Academic Policies that apply to any academic degree program that UW-Extension could develop -- Discussion ensued and questions were answered regarding features of these policies. Kostka explained that these programs differ from traditional models in that they are competency-based programs and therefore are more flexible in allowing students ways of progressing through the program without penalty. The programs are focused on projects not credits. There were questions about marketing such a program and responses were given regarding ways the program is being marketed. There was discussion regarding the accreditation process that is on the horizon. It is estimated that it will take 2-6 years for full accreditation, as we need graduate students to be eligible for accreditation. Until that time students are not eligible for financial aid. Questions were raised regarding funding for the program. Stone explained that the program is designed to be largely self-supporting as a tuition-based program. The collaborative programs in CEOEL provide surplus revenues that can be used for investment purpose in this degree-granting program.

Kulwiec moved to approve the Flex Option Academic Policies Document; Ballweg seconded; motion approved.

3. A Summary of the Curriculum for the BSBA Program -- An overview of the Summary of the BSBA Curriculum was presented. It was explained that the projects need to have credit equivalencies for transfer in and out of the program. The BSBA requires 65 credits taken within the program, in the form of 39 projects. There was discussion regarding faculty and faculty workload.

M. Ballweg moved to approve the curriculum for the BSBA program with minor proofreading corrections, based on the wise counsel of those who have been working on the materials; Chris Kniep seconded; motion approved.

Review and Approval of UPG #12: UW-Ext Tenured Faculty Review and Development Policy – Barb Barker

- C. Kniep moved to approve UPG#12: UW-Ext Tenured Faculty Review and Development Policy, seconded by J. Hoffman. Motion carried.

Faculty Annual Review Process – Jeff Hoffman, ADC Liaison

- Hoffman updated the committee on the progress being made on the Faculty Annual Review Process.

Compensation Philosophy Update – Jay Zambito

- Zambito shared information on the Compensation Philosophy and Principles document.

Roles and Relationship – Faculty and Academic Staff – Mike Ballweg

- Discussion on the roles and relationships of faculty and academic staff were included in the dialogue with the Provost and Interim Dean Karl Martin.

UWEX Chapter 5 Faculty Layoffs and UPG #7 Lateral Transfers and/or Retraining of Tenure Faculty – Alexia Kulwicz

- Kulwicz reported that Ch. 5 and UPG 7 have been submitted to system legal for review, and she will update the full senate in Dec. 2016.

Dialogue with Provost Aaron Brower and Interim Dean, Karl Martin

- Provost Aaron Brower and Interim Dean, Karl Martin are supportive of further research and discussion around defining the role of faculty and defining the distinction between the work of faculty and academic staff. They expressed the importance of the continuation of tenure including the guarantee of academic freedom and the ability to pursue politically sensitive work without reprisal. University Committee and Faculty Senate will continue this discussion and share information with the Provost and Interim Dean by mid-December to guide the nEXT Generation Integration Workgroup (IWG).

No University Committee Reports

Adjourn at 1:28pm

~minutes submitted by Andrea Cool, Barb Barker and Judy Ballweg~