

University Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 6, 2012
11:30am-1pm
Pyle Center, Madison

Present: Mike Ballweg, Karen Dickrell (Chair), Art Lersch, Nancy Anne Miller, Don Taylor

Call to Order

Chair Karen Dickrell called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM and certified that the notice requirements of the open meetings law had been met.

Approval of October 12 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Miller, seconded by Lersch to approve the minutes as amended. Voice vote, motion carried.

University Committee Chair Update

University Committee Chair Karen Dickrell led a brief discussion on planning for the September 2013 Faculty Senate orientation. Recommendations made to have the planning team include these topics in 2013: institutional governance versus divisional faculty governance; upcoming issues and their importance to faculty; how senators communicate back and forth with their departments.

Recommended to change the SRP/FTAC scholarship forum date to late September 2013. Need to appoint a committee at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

At the next faculty senate meeting, we need to appoint a planning team for the 2013 faculty tenure orientation workshop.

Priorities for the upcoming year: Need to appoint a planning team for the development and delivery of a distance education workshop on preparing an electronic portfolio; further clarification on addressing discrepancies between administrative policies and faculty rights.

University Committee Liaison to CEAC

Nancy Anne Miller provided an overview of the written summaries of the three previous CEAC meetings that she attended.

Coop Extension Policies on Lateral Transfers (UPG#7) and Next Steps

Chair Dickrell has shared the work of the committee on lateral transfers with the Dean. She will update the Committee once the Dean responds.

International Travel

Discussion of international travel and how Dean and others decide when international travel is appropriate part of faculty's work.

Process for Reviewing Policies

Greg Hutchins will lead the effort to involve the University Committee and system legal representatives in developing an approach to addressing discrepancies, when identified, between administrative policies and faculty rights. Mike Ballweg suggested that preliminary conversations should occur so that the findings could be presented to the Faculty Senate at its March 2013 meeting. Dan Hill expressed that this timeline might be a bit too ambitious.

Motion by Ballweg, second by Miller to have the University Committee send a letter of appreciation to Dean Klemme, Larry Jones, and Cooperative Extension Administration for their flexibility and willingness to take into consideration faculty concerns with the Statement of Intent. Motion carried, voice vote. Karen Dickrell will draft the letter.

Motion by Taylor, second by Ballweg to adjourn at 1:00 PM. Motion carried, voice vote.

Submitted by Dan Hill