University Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 9, 2010
11:30am-1pm
Memorial Union

Present:
Christine Quinn, Greg Hutchins, Eric Carson, Matt Hanson, Chuck Prissel, Judy Ballweg, Neill DeClercq,
Jenny Erickson, Karen Dickrell, Chris Kniep

1. Call to Order and Certify open meeting requirements. Chuck called the meeting to order at 12:30pm and certified open meeting requirements had been met.

2. Approval of minutes
   October 12 meeting minutes:
   Matt Hanson moved to approve minutes with edit, Eric Carson seconded, minutes approved.

   October 26 meeting minutes:
   Matt Hanson moved to approve, Eric Carson seconded, minutes approved.

3. Interim Chancellor Report – Christine Quinn on behalf of Marv Van Kekerix
   • Nothing new to report on the budget. Discussion focused on county budgets followed.
   • On the political front, we will be reaching out to new legislators for improved understanding.
   • Veteran’s portal has been launched – www.veteran.gov.edu
   • Highlights from the Board of Regents meeting, November 4.
     − Governor-elect Scott Walker attended the meeting and talked about creating jobs, upcoming campus visits and the need for innovation and creativity as we address budget concerns.
     − There was a presentation which addresses some of the concerns with attracting young professionals. Will Andresen, Associate Professor, Iron County, UW-Extension conducted a survey of local young people to address strategies to retain and attract young people. For more information -- http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/iron/enred/index.html
     − UW System eCampus launch date is November 10. This is a new website that will provide a greater access to online education. The new eCampus enables residents and students to search for specialized programs and locate advisors, an application or registration information through a single website -- http://www.ecampus.wisconsin.edu/
   • Nothing new to report on naming an Interim Provost. Names have been submitted and an announcement will be made soon.

4. Provost and Vice Chancellor Report – Christine Quinn
   • Broadband Summit was held October 28-29, 2010 in Eau Claire. This was a very successful event focusing on the relationships and building a better tomorrow with a public/private partnership.
   • Sustainability Initiative Summit is being planned for sometime in January 2011.
   • Scott Peters, associate professor of education at Cornell University’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, presented “Scholarship as Collaborative Public Work” at the Cooperative Extension all-staff conference in October. His presentation challenged us to take an engaged leadership role. A “scholarship” blog is being developed as well as a paper on “how to create the network to promote scholarship.” Nick Hawkins, Outreach Specialist, School of Education, has participated in conversations about engaged scholarship and higher education. Discussion followed.
5. Chair Report – Chuck Prissel
   • Thanks to Chris Kniep for her role as Chair on the Chancellor Search and Screen Committee. Thanks also to the Faculty Senate subgroup (Matt Hanson, Corliss Olson, Connie Eisch, Karen Joos) who prepared questions and dialogue for each candidate.
   • Thanks to Christine for the invitation to attend the Board of Regents dinner at Brittingham House on November 3. It was a very enjoyable experience.
   • Met with Rick Klemme prior to the October 26 University Committee meeting to share the agenda and have a conversation about how faculty positions are being filled and who’s making those decisions. Continued informal dialogue is planned with Rick. He will join University Committee for lunch on December 14, 12:15-1pm, prior to the Faculty Senate meeting.

6. Resolution in support of the Research to Jobs: Growing the Research Infrastructure: UW Research Commons – discussion
   • Chuck distributed and discussed the Resolution shared by Marty Havlovic, a member of the Council of UW Libraries. Marty will discuss this further at the Faculty Senate meeting scheduled for December 14.

7. University Committee Assignments for 2010-2011 and Reports (if any)
   • Systemwide Extension Council – Karen Dickrell
     Next meeting is December 8, UW-Stevens Point.
   • Academic Leadership Standing Committee – Matt Hanson
     Next meeting is in January, 2011.
   • Faculty Reps Council – Chris Kniep
     Topics discussed include collective bargaining and electronic submission of the portfolio. There was also a discussion about the system level pay plan with a call to restore the funding that was rescinded, return to the base plan, and eliminate furloughs.
   • Chancellor Search and Screen Update – Chris Kniep
     Thanks to everyone for their involvement with the Search and Screen process and for providing feedback. We will finish up interviewing all six candidates by the end of this week. Campus visits and county extension office visits have been great. Please provide feedback on your assessment of the finalists for the chancellor position. The deadline is November 13.
   • Chancellor Search and Screen: Faculty Senate Subgroup – Matt Hanson
     The group generated very good and consistent key questions. Greg Hutchins made an initial contact with each candidate to provide shared governance background. All feedback received will be compiled and forward to Chris Kniep, Chair of the Search and Screen Committee.

8. Faculty Senate Meetings
   • December 14, 1-4:30pm (Rick Klemme will join University Committee for lunch, 12:15-1pm.)
     Lunch with Rick is about continued dialogue and strengthening connections.
     Conversation ideas included:
     --recognizing the complexity of policies
     --continued dialogue is important
     --review role of shared governance
     --partnership in decision making
     --review personnel and compensation
     --the strength faculty brings to the institution
     --building trust
     --these are tight economic and unprecedented times
--protecting faculty positions

Notes from Christine Quinn:
The faculty are interested in engaging in a dialogue with the Deans as we enter into what may be a very difficult fiscal situation. They understand that difficult decisions may need to be made and they want to understand the situation, as well as be the voice of faculty as position elimination, or replacement of faculty may be considered. They are proposing an informal lunch conversation as a starting point.

Faculty Senate Meeting agenda could include:
--review Senate membership and rotation (review terms for more long-term membership)
--budget/government affairs update (Rosemary Potter)
--review WisLine web orientation and mentoring component
--recap University Committee Meeting held October 26.
--review Tenure and Scholarship Annual Review Forum (August 3) data, discuss next steps and identify planning committee for future offerings
--review Faculty Tenure Orientation Workshops (May and September) data, discuss next steps and identify planning committee for future offerings
--review Resolution in Support of the Research to Jobs shared by Marty Havlovic, a member of the Council of UW Libraries

• February 8, 11am-4pm
   Agenda items could include:
   --Recap University Committee Meeting held October 26
   --Recap and next steps of University Committee lunch with Rick Klemme, December 14.
   --Mentoring
   --Lunch with Dean Klemme and Dean Schejbal to strengthen connections (April 12, 11:30am-1pm?)
   --Lunch with incoming Chancellor

9. Faculty Governance Unit (FGU) Chair – role clarification
   • Distributed and discussed Implementation Team (Chuck Prissel, Chris Kniep, Matt Hanson, Greg Hutchins, Sharon Klawitter, Tom Schmitz replacing Karen Hintz) will meet via WisLine on Monday, November 29, 2-3pm.

10. Tenure and Scholarship Annual Review Forum – August 3: revisit December 14

11. Faculty Governance Understanding and Appreciation: revisit December 14

12. Governance Orientation WisLine Web: revisit December 14

13. Faculty Tenure Orientation Workshops (May and September): revisit December 14


15. Discussion of Institutional Issues and Opportunities Appropriate for Governance: revisit December 14

~minutes recorded by Karen Dickrell and Judy Ballweg~