



2017-2018 University Committee Report

Fall 2017

UC Members: Patricia Terry (Chair), Ryan Martin (Speaker of Senate), Christine Vandenhouten (Faculty Representative), Courtney Sherman, Gail Trimberger, Katia Levintova

In the Fall 2017 semester, the University Committee brought a number of items to faculty senate for discussion and vote. These include the following:

- A request to implement a BS in Mechanical Engineering. The first reading was at the September 13, Faculty Senate meeting, with subsequent senate approval at the October 11, Senate meeting.
- A request to implement a MS in Nutrition and Integrated Health. The first reading was also at the Sept. 13 Senate meeting with approval at the Oct. 11, Senate.
- After lengthy discussion and deep consideration at the UC level, the UC brought a resolution to the November 15, Faculty Senate that would remove the undergraduate graduation requirement of an interdisciplinary major or minor. Following passionate debate at both the first and second readings, the resolution passed at the December 13, Senate. Starting with the 2018-2019 Undergraduate Catalog, students will no longer need an interdisciplinary major or minor to graduate.
- The UC met with the Provost concerning the Workload Policy document. This document was brought to the October 11, Senate meeting.
- The UC drafted a resolution addressing the Board of Regent's New Administrator Hiring Policy. The resolution was forwarded to the University Staff Committee and Academic Staff Committee for review, and presented to the Senate on October 11, 2017, where it passed.
- The UC agreed with the proposed change to rename College of Science and Technology as College of Science, Engineering, and Technology, provided there is a consistent use of Oxford comma in the name, and sent the change for Senate approval at the November meeting. It was approved. The UC also approved the inclusion of the proposed change in the current administrative structure of CST, to include the School of Engineering in the potentially renamed CSET, in the November Senate agenda.

The UC also meet with campus members as needed and discussed the following:

- The UC had several updates on the HLC accreditation process with Cliff Ganyard.
- In September, HR sent both a Revised Workplace Conduct Policy and Compensation and Pay Plan Policy to the UC. The UC forwarded the latter to the Committee on Workload and Compensation.



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- The UC met with the registrar, Provost, Associate Vice Chancellor Matt Dornbush, and past Chair of ILS, Professor Georjeanna Wilson-Doenges, to discuss the policy of priority registration for ILS students. The length of the priority registration period has been an issue for non-ILS students. The UC recommended a policy change to shorten this period and to lengthen the wait list so that the university will be able to determine when it is reasonable to open another section of a class to meet student needs.
- By request of the Provost, the UC reviewed the position description for the Dean of the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences and provide a list of names of potential faculty to serve on the search committee.
- By request of the Provost, the UC reviewed requirements for graduating with honors and decided not to recommend changes.
- The UC met with Associate Provost Cliff Ganyard and Provost Greg Davis to discuss the Project Coastal merger between UW Green Bay, UW Sheboygan, UW Manitowoc, and UW Marinette.

Spring 2018

UC Members: UC Members: Patricia Terry (Chair), Ryan Martin (Speaker of Senate), Christine Vandenhouten (Faculty representative), Courtney Sherman, Gail Trimmerger, Hernan Fernandez-Meardi

After the December Senate Meeting, Katia Levintova resigned from the UC. Following shared governance policy, she was replaced by Hernan Fernandez-Meardi.

The UC discussed and brought the following items to Faculty Senate:

- Two resolutions were presented by Professor Uwe Pott concerning the new early Alert grade System. The first, a reminder to UWGB administration that issues concerning curriculum must be approved by faculty governance, passed. The second, which called for Early Alert to be applied only to 300 and 400 level courses, failed.
- **GAAC catalog changes:** Associate Vice Chancellor Matt Dornbush proposed changes to the Graduate Catalog to continue allowing D grades to count toward GPA configuration, but not toward satisfying degree requirements. The proposed changed language was approved by Faculty Senate.
- **International Education Committee Request.** The International Education Committee (IEC) submitted a request to change the process by which the committee chair is selected. This request was approved at the February 21, Senate.



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- The UC initiated a discussion of whether or not un-tenured faculty should serve on Senate, citing several significant cases where untenured faculty were concerned about the consequences of their vote. Senate decided that the status quo of having faculty from all ranks serve was in the best interest of the institution.
- **Project Coastal Shared Governance** – SOFAS, Steve Meyer, drafted a shared governance resolution providing transitional representation to faculty at the Project Coastal campuses starting in the Fall 2018 semester. This was presented and passed at the April Senate meeting.
- **Childcare Establishment Fund:** At the January Faculty Senate meeting, R. Nesvet reported that SUFAC was in violation of their bylaws when they recently voted against collecting fees for the Childcare Establishment Fund. R. Nesvet and A. Staudinger drafted a resolution for the faculty's review at the April Senate meeting. The resolution passed.
- Authorization for a BS in Nursing was presented and approved.
- A Form K to reorganize Computer Science and move some faculty from CAHSS to CSET and the Cofrin School of Business was approved.
- A resolution to eliminate the Learning Technology Council was approved by Senate
- The addition of an Actuarial Science minor to the Math program was approved by the UC.
- A new Impact MBA in the Cofrin School of Business was approved by Senate.
- Gail Trimmerger was voted the 2018-2019 Speaker of Faculty Senate.

The UC also meet with campus members as needed and discussed the following:

- **UC Liaison to CWC-** Courtney Sherman will serve as the UC's liaison to the CWC, replacing Katia Levintova.
- **A request was made to create a Task Force on Interdisciplinarity-** The UC reviewed the work of a previous UWGB Interdisciplinary Task Force and drafted a charge for the proposed one. This charge was sent to the Committee on Committees and Nominations for review. The CCN determined that its work was redundant and that no such committee was needed at this time.
- **Discussion of how many departments have course prerequisites-** The UC discussed the degree to which students' access to courses is inhibited by course prerequisites. Courtney Zambon, SGA President, will bring this to the SGA meeting and report back to the UC if this is a student concern.



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- **Discussion with John Luczaj About Domestic travel Course Barriers-** J. Luczaj discussed the barriers he's experienced in setting up a domestic travel course, indicating that he has not been able to find a way to collect money from students to pay for such trips. The UC discussed ways of addressing this and decided to ask Brent Blahnik of the Office of International Education to join us at a meeting to discuss these ways of around these barriers. After meeting with Brent, further communication was passed to Professor Luczaj.
- **Proposed changes to tenure requirements:** SOFAS S. Meyer joined the meeting to discuss the Personnel Council's proposed changes to tenure requirements. The primary focus of the proposal is to officially require letters from external reviewers as part of the file. Generally, the UC is in agreement that requiring letters is appropriate. The document will be sent back to the Personnel Council with suggestions for adding language for the purpose of clarity.
- The UWGB policy on building hours was discussed with faculty from the Arts and Tomas Kujawa, head of Public Safety. The UC made some recommendations, but recognized that limited building hours are a resource and safety issue.
- The UC met with the Chancellor and Provost regarding changing the university mission. The Chancellor was compelled to wait until the Fall 2018 semester to present first and second readings to Faculty Senate.
- Kristin Vespia, the faculty representative to the Strategic Budget Committee, gave a report to the UC.
- Courtney Sherman was voted the 2018-2019 UC Chair. Christine Vandenhouten was voted to remain Faculty Representative.

Report respectfully submitted by UC Chair, Patricia Terry