

MINUTES
UW-Green Bay University Committee

Present:

Greg Davis
Derek Jeffreys, chair
Mimi Kubsch
Ryan Martin
Steven Meyer
Bryan Vescio
Heba Mohammad, Student Government Association Representative

5 December 2012
3:00 PM, CL 750

Previous Meeting
28 November 2012

Excused: Leif Nelson, Academic Staff Representative

Guests: Cliff Abbott, David Coury, Molly Witt

I. Updates from the Chair

a. University Seal. The seal will take “Connecting Learning to Life” off, but will not add 360 degrees of learning. Rather just the date will appear below the seal. The UC has no disagreement with this.

b. Flexible Degree. Differential tuition was discussed as well as the issue of transferability of competencies. The low graduation rate of Western Governor’s was brought up. It is projected to cost 14 million dollars to implement the Flexible Degree program and it will take 5 years to break even. UW Milwaukee is targeting their four programs to traditional students. Brain Sutton and Pam Gilson will be asked to come in next UC meeting.

c. Employee ID numbers. Faculty ID numbers were released to the United Way. Although no issues or concerns have been voiced, ID numbers will not be used in future campaigns. It was decided that more information about what happened should be sought. Specifically how were the IDs released? The notion of “campaigns” as distasteful was brought up, and there seemed to be general agreement to this concern. The issue of IDs and the United Way campaign will be an information item at the next Senate meeting.

II. The minutes of the November 28, 2012 UC meeting were approved of as written.

III. Ombudsman issue. Several years ago it was decided that the SOFA would also serve as the Ombudsman. Cliff Abbott brought up the concern that there may be a conflict of interest in him assuming the role of Ombudsman because of him also serving as Chair of ICS. It is hard to distinguish between the functions of the Secretary of the Faculty and the role of Ombudsman. Seems the role of Ombudsman would be most effective if played by

someone outside the University. Cliff indicated that he would be willing to continue to serve as Ombudsman and the UC agreed.

- IV Rights and Responsibilities Committee. One member of the Rights and Responsibilities Committee has a conflict of interest and has been recused. The UC needs to appoint a replacement who is not from Professional Studies. Several names of professors were identified and Derek said he would contact them this week, hoping one of them will agree to serve on the committee.
- V. Student Government. Heba Mohammad stated that she recently attended the Student Reps Convention where the Flexible Degree was discussed. She said the problem is that other campuses are not discussing concerns about the Flexible Degree and therefore seem to favor it. UW Milwaukee student government chair said UW Milwaukee is being proactive.
- VI David Coury. The issue of international students struggling with English in courses was discussed. It was noted that the previous cut off point for TOEFL scores was a minimum of 61. It was noted that this was a low score. A TOEFL score of 71 will now be required for full admission. To better prepare students to speak English the Summer Institute will be reinstated. Those students needing help with English will be referred to the Summer Institute which they pay tuition for. Molly Witt indicated that international student admission has increased by 74%.
- VII Digitalized PAR. Cliff Abbott announced that the PAR software is available and will be used this year by Business. It was suggested that use of this software should be discussed in individual units.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mimi Kubsch