MINUTES
UW Green Bay University Committee
6 April 2011

3:00 pm, CL 830

Present:
Heba Mohammad, Student Government Representative
Dave Dolan
Mike Draney
Derek Jeffreys
Tim Kaufman   Previous Meeting
Illene Noppe, Chair   November 3, 2010
Brian Sutton

Guests: Provost Julia Wallace; Dean Darryl Block, Brenda Tyczkowski, SOFAS Cliff Abbott.

1. The minutes of the 30 March 2011 meeting were approved with minor changes.

2. Meet with Provost Wallace

   - So-called Budget Repair Bill…if it does not pass soon, the provisions (including changes to benefits packages) may not go into effect until the new fiscal year in July.   Thus, there MAY not be payroll deductions in this semester.
     - Admissions has sent postcards or otherwise notified accepted students to reassure them we are "open for business" and that there will be no immediate drastic tuition increase.
       - Enrollments are up from last year, but not up to the >1,000 peak of 2 years ago.   About 925-950.
   - We informed the Provost about our Resolution in support of the WI Idea. This will be brought before the Senate at next meeting.

3. Continuing Business
    a) Resolution on Wisconsin Idea Partnership (Sutton)
       - Sutton presented a new, shorter (4 part) version of a resolution supporting the Chancellor's Wisconsin Idea partnership (which would increase fiscal flexibility of individual universities while retaining UW-Madison within the UW System).

- The UC modified one passage and will present it to the Senate at next week's meeting.
b) Policy Statement Regarding Adjuncts (Noppe) Dave Dolan informed us of NAS policy regarding adjuncts: They use existing syllabi and texts.   UC members come to an agreement that perhaps unit approval of instructors, syllabi and materials would be sufficient oversight.
  - We modified Noppe's proposal slightly and it will be presented at the next Senate meeting.
c) Code Cleaning: Written and Open Ballots (we discussed this with Cliff Abbott). Abbott wants to clarify the state regulations regarding ballots and make UW-Green Bay's policies consistent with these and otherwise as simple as possible.
  - The state rules are basically that elections of "governmental bodies" should be as open as possible, so no secret ballots (exceptions: 1) Election of a chair position, 2) when there is a full electorate participating). Roll call votes are NOT required, but must be allowed if someone requests one.
  - UWGB code specifies written ballots in six places in the code. Abbott recommends eliminating these.
  - Draney suggests including these open meeting rules somewhere in the Faculty Handbook.
  - Jeffreys expressed concern about open ballots being problematic for untenured people, but we must adhere to State Law.   Unit chair elections need not be open.
  - Abbott will present first reading of the code changes at next Senate meeting.
d) Updates and Other Business
  - Joe Schoenebeck, Classified Staff Representative, will attend Faculty Senate meetings. This is at Joe's request.

4. New Business
  a) Collaborative, Online Bachelor of Science Degree in Health Information (with guests Dean Darryl Block, Provost Julia Wallace, and Nursing lecturer Brenda Tyczkowski).   Block outlined the program's details:
  - Aiming to start Jan. 2012, or Fall 2012 at latest.
  - Justification: Increasing complexity of health care and demands for increased efficiency have resulted in emerging specialization of data management and retrieval techniques. The positions are mid-level between administrators and data entry personnel. There are few programs offering this subject at present, but it is a growth

field. Bellin is interested in such students already. One of the premiere medical software systems is housed in Madison which gives the state a competitive edge in this field. Various legislation (American Reinvestment Act, etc.) is offering funding for these programs.

- The program is housed in Nursing with support from Information Sciences faculty.
- 20 courses, 60 credits. 16 core courses plus 4 emphasis courses, no electives. Students enter the program with their gen. ed.'s complete and three other courses: College algebra, a biology course, and a communications course, with 60 credits or junior standing. GPA requirement of 2.0.
- The AAC has approved the program conditionally (without yet approving the courses), provided it passes the UW-Systems entitlementing plan.
- There are three partners: UW-Green Bay, UW-Parkside, and UW-Stevens Point (with UW-Lacrosse also peripherally involved as a course provider). Student's choice of home institution. All administration would take place on the home campus. Each campus would have a ¼ faculty release Director position.
- UW-Green Bay would offer 18 credits (3 courses of information science and 3 courses of nursing).
- There is a UW-Green Bay executive committee overseeing the program here. The program is intended to be interdisciplinary and problem-focused.
- Block projects about 56 students in year 1, 154 new students by year 5. The program would be run on a cost-recovery basis, with a projected positive cash flow after several years. UW-Extension will cover initial funding. Profits will be shared by the four teaching schools.
- Draney asked if UW-Extension assumes the early financial risk. Block says yes, that is part of their stated mission.
- Noppe asked how this goes beyond a technical school degree. Block answered that the training is at the professional level, beyond technical skills into decision-making processes, optimization of protocols, and interface between institutions. Wallace pointed to the skill sets listed on page 9 of the proposal document.
- Noppe asked if there is a certification process. Block says there are several competing ones, but they are not part of the current program.

- Noppe asks if we really have faculty resources to teach 6-12 courses? Block: Not as-is, but we can make it work with overload and ad hoc of other courses. The participating units have expressed willingness to make it work.
- Dolan asked why these students don't need 1 year of discrete mathematics, as the computer sciences people do? Also, isn't a second stats course (with more software experience) necessary? Block said she would ask the Information Sciences Faculty to respond to these issues.
- This portion of the meeting was suspended at 4:04 so Dean Block could make other appointments.
- The UC discussed the issue a bit further. There is some concern about the total online nature of the program, especially in regards certain courses such as computers and statistics. We are concerned that the pedagogical line between University and Technical School is blurring. Noppe wonders if additional coursework in public policy, political science, cultural diversity, or ethics might be appropriate for health-related professions such as this.

b) Agenda for 13 April 2011 Faculty Senate Meeting (with SOFAS Cliff Abbott)
- Abbott discussed problems with the recent (online) election. He also would like to eliminate code which requires hand counting of ballots.
- We set the agenda for next Wednesday's Senate Meeting with Abbott's assistance.

c) Other
- Brian Sutton has drafted a resolution lauding the Women's Basketball program for their outstanding success this season, as well as their continuing success in academics. This will be brought before the Senate at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael L. Draney (UC secretary *pro tempore*)