

MINUTES
UW Green Bay University Committee

Present:

Dean VonDras (Chair)
Steven Meyer
Illene Noppe
Terence O'Grady
Laura Riddle
Kevin Roeder

30 January 2008
3:15 pm, CL 825

Previous Meeting:
16 January 2008

Guests: Provost Sue K. Hammersmith; Associate Provost Tim Sewall; Chancellor Bruce Shepard; Vice Chancellor Tom Maki

1) The minutes of 16 January 2008 were approved.

2) Chair's Report

a) Follow-up on traffic safety at the campus' Nicolet Dr. entrances by the University office of Parking and Public Safety indicated a total of 8 accidents in a 2-year period. No further action has been planned.

b) The Faculty Senate Budget and Planning Committee continues to discuss strategies for improved faculty input in the University budget and planning processes. The Committee has indicated a positive response from administration in regards to requests for an "open book" policy.

3) The UC was joined by Tim Sewall for continued discussion of the Program Review process. Scheduling conflicts continue to confound us as it would be most desirable to have this proceed as a joint discussion with the Academic Affairs Council. Tim Sewall confirmed that the current Program Review process is ineffective in contributing to the University's budgetary planning as programs are reviewed on a 5-year cycle. He also requested clarification of the recent Senate vote rejecting a proposal requiring campus-wide use of a specific instrument for student feedback on instruction. The UC clarified that the vote concerned only one item recommended by the Institutional Assessment Committee for change to the Handbook and not the comprehensive plan for teaching evaluation developed by that committee.

4) The UC welcomed Chancellor Shepard and Tom Maki for a brief discussion of the Chancellor's 10% discretionary portion of salary budget. The Chancellor seeks input into the decision of how best to use these funds to address ongoing issues of salary compression and faculty salaries below the System and National averages.

5) Information Exchange with Provost Hammersmith

a) The Provost has been working on a study of faculty salaries with a goal of collecting information that will provide statistics that may indicate where the most severe inequities are in salaries within a campus context.

b) The Provost shared a recent article from *The Chronicle of Higher Education* on the subject of “curricular glut.”

c) In the ongoing discussion of proposed code change in regards to Unit Alignment we returned to the original issue at hand; code does not address how to assure that all affected academic units are consulted in proposed curricular changes. However, the forms required for changes include specific routing requiring approval by the Academic Dean. It was suggested that rather than eliminating the phrase “and the interdisciplinary unit responsible for them,” that a caveat be added to acknowledge the interdisciplinary minors not affiliated with one Budgetary Unit. It is expected that the Academic Deans be vigilant in considering all affected constituents in any proposal for curricular change.

d) Administration has sent a response to the draft report from the Higher Learning Commission.

6) Continuing Business

Review of Administrators. Three faculty members have agreed to serve on the Administrator Evaluation Committee. Suggestions were made for additional members to serve as consultants. Questions remain on the part of the Academic Staff Committee concerning who will review specific administrators. Unfortunately, the Academic Staff representative to the UC was not present to discuss these concerns. The UC is satisfied with the proposed faculty review of administrators and wishes to set the process in motion.

7) New Business

The UC made slate recommendations as requested by the Committee on Committees and Nominations to fill empty committee seats.

8) Future Business.

It has been suggested that the faculty make recommendations to the Chancellor concerning his idea for International Experience and Exchange.

A faculty forum on the subject of “Academic Excellence” will be added to the next Faculty Senate agenda.

The next UC meeting will be February 6, 2008, at 3:15 p.m. in CL 825

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 .m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Riddle, secretary pro tempore