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UW Green Bay University Committee

Present:	15 December 2010
Brent Blahnik, Academic Staff Representative	3:00 pm, CL 830
Dave Dolan	
Mike Draney	
Derek Jeffreys	
Tim Kaufman	
Heba Mohammad, Student Government Representative	Previous Meeting
Illene Noppe, Chair	December 1, 2010
Brian Sutton	

Guests: Provost Julia Wallace

1. The minutes of the 1 December 2010 meeting were approved.
  
2. UC Chair Noppe informed the other UC members that the Committee on Committees had not yet completed its part of the work necessary to enact the creation of Joint Governance Committees. Thus, the UC would have to wait until early in 2011 to bring the final version to the Faculty Senate.
  
3. Provost Wallace arrived and informed UC members of the following:
  - A. She had discussed the “Partner Friendly University” proposal with Kathy Pletcher, Associate Provost of Information Services, and there appears to be no problem with providing a UWGB email account to a faculty partner who qualifies; she had also discussed the proposal with Vice Chancellor Tom Maki, and there appears to be no problem with providing a title to a faculty partner who qualifies. She stated that she still must discuss the proposal with the Chancellor, since he’d be the one approving individual faculty partners for email accounts, titles, offices, etc. She planned to bring it up with him at a meeting during the next week.
  - B. Today (Dec. 15) is the deadline for the first screening for the Dean of Professional Studies. Finalists for the position are likely to come to campus in February, with open forums included in the interviewing process along with meetings with the appropriate individuals and groups.
  - C. About twenty more faculty members than usual will attend Fall 2010 graduation, perhaps partly because of the Chancellor’s offer to cover the costs of gowns.
  - D. The Provost was pleased with the results of the faculty reading group she had organized to read the book *DIY U [Do It Yourself University]: Edupunks, Edupreneurs and the Coming Transformation of Higher Education*, by Anya Kamanetz. The book emphasizes, among other points, that because technology has made information so readily available, faculty will no longer generally be expected to disseminate knowledge directly as much as to help students find knowledge for themselves. The Provost mentioned that extra

copies of the book were available in her office, and some UC members expressed an interest in receiving copies.

4. UC members examined certain details related to the “Partner Friendly University” proposal:

- It was decided that the initial appointment of a qualified spouse of a faculty member for title, office, campus email account, etc., should be for one year.
- Recommendation for renewal of appointment should originate with the academic department corresponding to the spouse’s area of research, and renewal should require the Chancellor’s approval.
- With annual renewals, the appointment could last up to three years, but no further.

UC members briefly discussed the possibility of crafting a proposal for a partner hire policy, but it was decided to bring the Partner Friendly University proposal to the Faculty Senate first, delaying any consideration of crafting a proposal for a partner hire policy until after the Faculty Senate has acted on the Partner Friendly University proposal.

5. UC members examined a draft of the Policy on College Student Bereavement and suggested minor changes, the most notable one being an increase in the time allotted to grieving students from three days to a week before expected resumption of classroom obligations. (Individual professors could, of course, grant individual students longer time allotments.)

6. With the next Faculty Senate meeting scheduled for January 26—that is, during the first week of the Spring semester—UC members agreed to attempt to schedule a UC meeting for the week before Spring-semester classes begin, in order to set the agenda for the January 26 Faculty Senate meeting.

7. It was noted that the faculties of UW-Stout, UW-River Falls, and UW-Stevens Point have all filed for Spring 2011 elections related to collective bargaining. A number of UWGB faculty hope that UWGB will have a similar election by the end of the Spring semester. UC members discussed the possibility of crafting a proposal endorsing collective bargaining, or alternatively, a proposal endorsing the idea that the faculty should have an election to determine whether or not to unionize. Members agreed to consult those leading the push for collective bargaining to see if they would favor bringing such a proposal to the Faculty Senate.

8. Chair Noppe asked UC members about the issue of a faculty member’s requiring his or her students to buy a textbook which he or she had written. The consensus was that this was a matter to be handled at the unit level, not by the UC and the Faculty Senate.

9. Chair Noppe asked UC members to generate a “wish list” of issues for the UC to deal with during the Spring 2011 semester, besides those discussed earlier in the meeting. While one member’s mentioning an item does not indicate general UC support for that item, the following items were mentioned:

- Moving the Task Force on Interdisciplinarity toward a final report, or perhaps resurrecting a proposal, tabled by the Faculty Senate in Fall 2008, to abolish the requirement that all UWGB graduates must have either an interdisciplinary major or an interdisciplinary minor.
- Coming up with some sort of incentive or morale booster for faculty members who have already achieved tenure, particularly those who have achieved the rank of full professor and thus have no further promotion to seek.
- Reviving the “committee apprenticeship” proposal for junior faculty.
- Making further progress toward the creation of a UWGB honors program.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Sutton  
Secretary *pro tempore*