

MINUTES
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay University Committee

Present:

1 September 2010

3:00 pm, CL 830

Previous Meeting--27 August 2010

Dave Dolan
Tim Kaufman
Illene Noppe (Chair)
Michael Draney
Derek Jeffreys
Brian Sutton

Guest: Julia Wallace, Provost

1. The minutes of the meeting of 27 August 2010 were approved with minor corrections. Illene Noppe noted that the UC would have a student representative within a couple of weeks. Also, Brent Blahnik should be referred to as the Academic Staff Representative in future minutes. Mary Goral pointed out to the UC that the minutes of 28 April 2010 were not yet approved by the committee. Mike Draney will provide these minutes for approval at the next UC meeting.
2. Provost Discussion Provost Wallace joined the UC and discussed several topics, which included the concern about the increase in extramural fringe rates. Provost Wallace first noted that Vice Chancellor Maki would be participating in two system-wide teleconferences (September 2nd and 9th) and could update the UC if there were any alterations in the rates. Dave Dolan agreed to contact him for updates. Provost Wallace also suggested that the UC contact Mike Stearney, Dean of Enrollment Services, regarding a summary of impacts of the fringe benefit increase on precollege programs he prepared for Chancellor Harden. The grant for this program began September 1st, but there are close to \$35,000 in unanticipated fringe benefit costs. This not only impacts services to students, but also affects their parents and siblings as well. Dave Dolan will contact Mike Stearney for details. The Provost also explained that the main reason for the disparity in rates between doctoral and comprehensive institutions was that higher salaries at doctoral campuses cover more of the cost of health benefits.

The Provost next discussed the New Cabinet. Currently this is dominated by academic staff and needs increased faculty representation (only the UC chair and SOFAS are members). This cabinet has 40 people which will lead to more information sharing but less discussion. Illene Noppe stressed the need for more faculty on the cabinet at the recent LAS Chairs meeting. The Provost pointed out that the New Cabinet was a "sounding board" for the Chancellor and was not a voting or decision-making body.

The Provost also discussed her Academic Plan presentation for the Regents on October 7th. She will be stressing the UWGB mission, connectivity and the problem-solving abilities of faculty and students. She will also talk about Eco-U, collaborations, community connections, graduate

programs, adult learning, and outreach. In discussion with the UC afterward, Derek Jeffreys stated that he was uncomfortable with the New Cabinet since it is not subjected to open records laws. He would like more clarity as well as more faculty representation.

3. Extramural Fringe Benefit Rates Dave Dolan drafted a resolution for the Faculty Senate on the recent increase in fringe benefit rates and its negative impact on grant funding. The UC discussed the elements of the resolution and suggested that the precollege program impact noted by the Provost should be used as an example.
4. Individualized Learning Committee Brian Sutton discussed the proposal to dissolve this committee and add its duties to the existing charge of the Committee on Academic Actions. Based on comments from the UC, he will revise this proposal for presentation to the Faculty Senate at their first meeting (September 15th).
5. Policy on Centers and Institutes Illene Noppe presented a draft policy statement on the Creation and Establishment of University Institutes and Centers. She also distributed the existing policies for UW-Milwaukee and the University of Oklahoma. Her plan was to take the comments from the UC and the current policies available on the web and combine them into a governance statement as requested by Cliff Abbott.

The UC discussed the draft policy and raised a number of issues. The application process appeared to be cumbersome but there was still a need for accountability. Mike Draney pointed out that some academic unit must be responsible for the Center/Institute. There was general agreement that Centers/Institutes should be linked to academic programs. The review of Centers/Institutes should take place as part of a year-end report and their original creation should be through application to the UC or the Provost.

6. Governance Committees UC members presented their recommendations for joint committees. One question that was raised was: Does “joint” mean composition of the committee (i.e. faculty and academic staff) or the implications of the committee’s work on faculty and staff?

The UC went through the list of Governance Committees and classified them as Faculty, Academic Staff, and possible Joint Committees. Some committees like the Legislative Committee and the Legislative Affairs Committee are recommended to be combined and thus would become “joint”. Dave Dolan will prepare a tentative list of the Governance Committees classified as suggested for the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Dolan, Secretary Pro Tempore