

MINUTES
UW Green Bay University Committee

Present:
Forrest Baulieu
Greg Davis
Sally Dresdow (Chair)
Scott Furlong
Terence O'Grady
Christine Style

7 September 2005
3:00 pm CL 825

Previous meeting:
15 August 2005

Also present:
Lucy Arendt (Academic Staff representative)

- 1) The minutes of 15 August 2005 were approved with minor changes.
- 2) Provost Hammersmith was not available for an information exchange.
- 3) Continuing business

a) Status of Curriculum Approval Procedures

Current and previous UC chairs reported that there had been little feedback in response to the published procedures to this point. It was decided that the procedures would go to the Senate as an informational item at which point more feedback may be made available.

b) Class Schedule Proposal

It was agreed that the issue of finding a common meeting time would be de-coupled from the matter of adopting a 14-week semester. There was general agreement among committee members that finding a time in which all or nearly all faculty and staff could be made available for presentations of campus-wide interest was a worthy ambition. The general consensus held that such a time currently existed, i.e., late Friday afternoon at 2:00 or 3:00 p.m. It was agreed that it would be very useful to have campus-wide programming presented in this time slot since the vast majority of faculty have no class commitments at this time, although some programs have meetings scheduled. If this late Friday time was employed for the occasional campus-wide program (e.g., two or three times a semester), then meeting schedules might well be able to be adapted to allow full or nearly full faculty participation. The question of who would be responsible for devising and coordinating campus-wide programming of this sort remained unsettled and will remain a topic of discussion with the Provost.

c) General Education

The Committee took the position that it might be wise to present to the Senate a series of models for the reform of General Education rather than just the most recent proposal put forth by Professor Howe of the GEC. Such an approach might allow for a distillation of agreed upon principles for change and avoid treating a single proposal as if it were a target.

d) Draft of UC Annual Report

The Committee approved the draft of the UC annual report that will be presented to the Senate by Professor Davis in the next meeting.

4) New business

a) Senate Agenda for September meeting

Working with Professor Fleurant, the Committee constructed the agenda for the September meeting.

b) Other new business

Items discussed include the need for a replacement for the Legislative Affairs Committee, questions addressed to the UC regarding number of credits in residency required for honors, and the need for on-going reports from other governance committees and councils. The UC also decided upon a list of nominees for the search and screen position for the new LAS dean to be sent to the Provost.

c) Focus for the year

Lack of time permitted only the briefest treatment of a number of issues, including the need to refine the mode of communication between the UC and other governance bodies and an examination of codification in regard to procedures surrounding the filing of complaints and grievances.

d) The next UC meeting will be September 21 at 3:00.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terence O'Grady, secretary pro tempore