

MINUTES  
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay University Committee

Present:	28 October 2009
Dave Dolan	3:00 pm, CL 825
Tim Kaufman	
Laura Riddle	Previous Meeting:
Brian Sutton (Chair)	7 October 2009

Guest: Julia Wallace, Provost; Katrina Hrivnak, Academic Staff Representative; Steve Meyer

**1. The minutes of the meeting of 7 October 2009 were approved.**

**2) Informational updates:**

a) UWGB representative at UW-System Faculty Representatives meetings: Brian Sutton, UC Chair, volunteered to serve as the UWGB-System Faculty Representative. Professor Riddle informed the UC that she had received a call of interest for the representative position, but members felt that having a member of the UC would provide continuity over the next two years. Approved 3-0-1

b) Possibility of new online degrees: Members of the UC discussed the handout entitled, Healthcare Degrees and Opportunities, which outlined degree areas of “high interest and need” in the area of healthcare and human wellness.

**3) Continuing business**

a) Course repeat issue: Members of the UC discussed the issue of repeated classes. Professor provided a handout outlining prevalence and patterns, performance of repeaters, and retake abuse. This would be very difficult to implement given the current structure of information management system (SIS).

b) Chapters 3 and 51 of UWGB code: Cliff Abbott provided the UC with feedback on this issue of code he had received from System. He indicated that System had raised three objections-1) There should be no mention of mandatory retirement age, 2) the failure to make a provision for hiring faculty without tenure at the associate level, 3) and a concern regarding temporary faculty status. The suggested solution would be to keep these two chapters clearly separated. Chap. 3 will address faculty and Chapter 51 will address academic staff.

**4) New business**

a) Possible change in GPA requirement for graduating with university honors: Professor Meyer presented an idea regarding grade inflation and University Honors, and cited the percentage of those earning a GPA of 3.5 or higher has recently doubled. The idea of using a percentage to represent honors instead of a fixed GPA was discussed. It was decided that an open forum on the subject be recommended.

b) Possibility of open forum, regarding collective bargaining, at the next Faculty Senate meeting: The UC suggested that the idea of collective bargaining be an agenda item at an upcoming Faculty Senate meeting

5) Discussion with Provost Wallace (around 4:00): Members of the UC met with Provost Wallace and discussed the following items:

a) Provost Wallace pointed out that the topic of online degrees originated from System. A representative will be visiting campus on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is the same individual that suggested the wildly successful offering in “sustainable management” a few years ago. Students are clamoring for online offerings so careful consideration for how we go about this will be a continued area of discussion.

b) Provost Wallace discussed the two current searches being conducted in the area of Dean of Students and Associate Provost for Outreach and Adult Degree. We also anticipate the search for a Registrar in the Spring.

c) Provost Wallace updated the UC on the formation of a campus group focusing on the “Inclusive Excellence” initiative. She also raised the idea of establishing an on campus event for the Martin Luther King Celebration.

d) Provost Wallace briefly described a plan initiated by President Obama with the goal of doubling those who hold degrees (AA, BA, BS, etc.) by the year 2025.

Professor Riddle suggested the establishment of a speaker series similar to that of St. Norbert. This would broaden perspective and dovetail nicely with the mission of the University. Could a source of funding be found that would support this program?

The meeting adjourned at 4:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Kaufman  
Secretary Pro Tempore