

MINUTES
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay University Committee

Present:	3 March 2010
Dave Dolan	3:00 pm, CL 825
Mike Draney	
Tim Kaufman	
Illene Noppe	
Laura Riddle	Previous Meeting:
Brian Sutton (Chair)	24 February 2010

Guests: Julia Wallace, Provost; Megan Loritz, Student Government Representative.

1) The minutes of the meeting of 10 and of 24 February 2010 were approved by consensus.

2) Continuing Business:

a) Disinvestment Resolution: Sutton reports getting advice from Dan Spielmann regarding who to send the resolution to, and will send the letters in mid-March.

b) Peter Breznay's Proposal— How to Make UWGB Number One Again: The UWGB Leadership in Excellence Initiative. Members of the UC were not favorably disposed towards this proposal, but decided the best option will be to forward the entire proposal to the Senate.

c) Possibility of Honors Program at UWGB: Sutton asked the committee for advice as to how to proceed. Noppe feels we should ask for a task force; LAS Dean Furlong and Associate Dean Ritch are supportive of such an initiative but want a clear mandate from the faculty, which a Senate motion would provide. Noppe will draft a Senate proposal to assemble a task force. The committee discussed the appropriate size and composition of such a task force, and it was suggested (Kaufmann) that it be limited in size, and perhaps comprised of a member from each of the five domains. Noppe was asked to be convener, and accepted. She also suggested an initial call for interested volunteers to serve on such a task force.

d) Other continuing business: None.

3) New Business:

a) Prof. Coury's memo—Policy for dual-career academic couples: This proposal requests that UC work with Administration to develop such a policy. Members asked what such a policy looked like, and discussed options such as split positions, hiring policies, etc. The members agreed this is worth pursuing, and will discuss with administration and Human Resources.

b) Other

1. Brief discussion of a possible moratorium option for opting out of merit review in biennia with little or negative pay increases. There seems to be considerable support among faculty across campus for this idea.

2. Collective bargaining update. Dolan reports that some other campuses are planning in the near future to propose Senate resolutions in favor of collective bargaining.

4) Meet with Secretary of Faculty and Academic Staff Abbott: To set agenda for March 10 Faculty Senate meeting.

5) Discussion with Provost Wallace:

a) Re: Cheryl Grosso's request for changes in Academic Calendar to accommodate the 14 week semester: The Provost is open to the idea and promised to look into the options.

b) Frequently waived courses: The Provost reported on a conversation she had with Registrar Mike Herrity about possibilities for reducing the large number (ca. 6000/year) course waivers. One particular course, Comp 105, seems to be often waived by certain Units at the request of soon-to-be-graduating seniors. The Provost plans to find out if Comp 105 is the appropriate course for these units, and whether these waivers can be reduced.

c) Prof. Coury's Dual-Career Resolution: Provost reports that few universities have written policies, and warns that many aspects of hiring, personnel decisions, etc. are very complex. She will look for examples of written policies. Noppe suggested the possibility of offering unpaid spouses honorary titles and office space, and all seemed open to such options.

d) UW-Green Bay "Centers": The Provost asked the UC what constitutes a "center" at UW-Green Bay, noting that their unchecked proliferation could potentially create problems regarding UW-Green Bay's identity, etc. Draney noted that an inventory of existing centers would be helpful as a starting point. The Provost aims to start developing a set of guidelines for approval of new centers.

f) Day Care: Noppe mentioned to the Provost that this perennial issue is once again on many people's minds. Brief discussion followed of past difficulties in securing this service for campus.

The meeting adjourned at 4:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael L. Draney
Secretary Pro Tempore