

Minutes

University Committee Meeting

University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

March 5, 2014

Cofrin Library 750

Attendance: Kristy Aoki (Academic Staff Rep.), Greg Davis, Mimi Kubsch, Ryan Martin, Steve Meyer, Cristina Ortiz (minutes), Bryan Vescio (Chairperson).

Student Government President: Heba Mohammad.

Meeting called to order at 3:00pm.

- I. Minutes for the February 26th meeting were unanimously approved with a minor change.
- II. Announcements:
 - a. Ryan Martin reported on the Chancellor's search. So far there have only been ten applications for the position, but according to the consultant working with the Committee, most people will apply as the deadline approaches, April, 2nd. The Committee has been meeting with several groups to get different perspectives. They have met with the Chancellor of UW-Oshkosh, UW-Green Bay Athletic Director among others. In general, Martin reported being quite satisfied with the contributions of the consultant. Kristi Aoki voiced an Academic Staff concern about the limited representation of this body in the make-up of the Committee.
 - b. Chair Vescio reported on the up-coming "Shared Governance Conference" organized by Jolanda Sallman. The conference will be held on our campus. There was some hope that Faculty Representatives from other universities will be in attendance, but unfortunately Steve Meyer reported that the day for the conference –April, 11th—coincides with a Regents' meeting. The conference will include an early session on "Shared Governance 101" led by Secretary of the Faculty, Cliff Abbott, followed by an address by a key note speaker, luncheon and break-out sessions on issues such as: budget, personnel, unions, lobbying, government structures etc. The conference will conclude with a wrap-up session. It will take place April, 11th from 11 to 4:30pm in Rose Hall and Wood Hall. There will be another meeting of the organizing committee to complete the final schedule.
 - c. Changes proposed on the Academic Actions Charge. As a follow up of the first reading discussion on the last Faculty Senate, the Chair of the Academic Actions Committee, Yunsun Huh sent to UC Chair Vescio a proposal to modify the current student representation to the committee to two students. Initially Chair Huh proposed to Senate changing the student representation in the Committee to one, in order for the Committee to be able to reach a quorum when the student representatives do not attend meetings (a recurrence), but Senate suggested that the representation of students, if changed, should be from three to two. However, this change will not resolve the quorum issue that prompted the initial request for a change of charge. There will be a second reading at next Senate meeting.

- d. CWC. There is a meeting schedule for Thursday that Ortiz cannot attend. Thus, Bryan Vescio will invite the CWC Chair Chris Martin to report to the UC at a future meeting.

III. Self-Authored Text Policy.

- a. The UC discussed the policy in light of recent talks that have taken place at unit/departmental meetings. Based on some of the objections to the policy raised at Senate and at these faculty meetings, the UC made some revisions to the policy. After a lengthy discussion, the UC added a sentence to the policy stating that a faculty author who wants to adopt his/her own textbook and wishes to collect royalties from the students in his/her class will need to get the approval of the Executive Committee of his/her unit and the Committee on Rights and Responsibilities. The modified policy will be presented at Senate for a second reading by Ryan Martin.

IV. Essential Job Functions:

- a. The UC discussed the essential job functions document (presented by Sheryl VanGrunsen at an earlier UC meeting). A discussion ensued that resulted in some modifications made to the document, in particular to the section that refers to scholarship and to the term “faculty”, which was clarified as “Tenured and tenure-track faculty.” There will be a first reading of the document at the next Faculty Senate.

V. Requirements for Minor.

- a. Cliff Abbott presented this issue. The question raised was if there is really a need for a minor to contain upper-level credits or a minor should just simply require a specific number of credits (18 crs) without distinguishing from lower level and upper-level courses. According to Cliff Abbott, academic programs on campus are very different (some have a very linear course progression, while others do not), which makes an across the board requirement for all minors questionable. Therefore, he proposes to remove the requirement for a minor to contain upper-level credits. There will be a first reading of this proposal at the next Faculty Senate.

VI. The agenda for Faculty Senate was set.

Meeting adjourned at 5:13pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cristina Ortiz