

Minutes
UW-Green Bay University Committee

Present:

Scott Furlong (Chair)

Chris Style

Dean Von Dras

Kevin Roeder

Donna Ritch

Terence O'Grady

Paula Ganyard (Academic Staff Rep.)

20 December, 2006

8:00 a.m., CL 825

Previous Meeting:

06 December 2006

Guests: Provost Sue Hammersmith; Associate Dean Regan Gurung; Professors David Coury, Brian Sutton, Bryan Vescio

1. The minutes of 6 November 2006 were approved with slight changes.
2. Information Exchange with Provost Sue Hammersmith.
 - a. The discussion focused on the new Bachelor of Applied Studies degree (BAS) and the AAC's response to it. The Provost distributed information relating to the degree and the AAC's comments on it. The AAC has recommended no specific action other than suggesting a wider University-wide dialogue concerning the proposed new degree. The Provost noted that this was a new degree, not a new major. It's the concept of the new BAS degree that must be approved. The UC asked how many students were expected to pursue the degree. The Provost responded that the initial estimate was 35. If growth agenda funding were forthcoming, we would consider enlarging the program.
 - b. The Provost also indicated that the university-wide poll regarding the possible change to the Syracuse model indicated that 72% of those responding preferred the Syracuse model. It was pointed out by one member that some scheduling problems still exist with the Syracuse model, notably the question of how to handle some courses previously scheduled in the 9:00 hour.
3. Continuing Business
 - a. Administrator Evaluations

Meetings with administrators to discuss last year's faculty evaluations are underway and have been productive thus far.

The UC members of the committee established to work with Melissa Jackson on procedures to be used in future administrator evaluations reported that that committee has met and has made progress. There is general agreement about the procedures to be followed, although some work remains to be done in terms of fine-tuning the questionnaire to be used.

One of the important questions that must be answered regarding future evaluative procedures is how to "close the loop" and report back to the faculty in some general way about the results of the evaluations without compromising the confidential nature of the exercise from the administrator's point of view. These are issues that the committee members will have to raise with Melissa Jackson as the process continues.

b. "Recommend" as stated in code.

There was general agreement that there should probably be a change in code to make unassailably clear what is intended in code when the term "recommended" is used. Since the AAC has recently been involved in some disputes surrounding the meaning of this word, it was suggested that representatives of that committee should be invited to the UC to discuss the issue before the UC attempts to craft any possible codification changes.

c. General Education proposals

Associate LAS Dean Gurung as well as HUS chair David Coury, Bryan Vescio and GEC chair Brian Sutton were available for the discussion, which focused on issues such as "embedded" prerequisites in the proposed Humanistic Studies listing of Gen Ed courses (especially in upper-level foreign language classes), and seat availability for freshmen. Representatives from HUS explained that because so many students receive retroactive credit in the foreign languages, over 50% of students in many of these courses are in fact freshmen, so the embedded prerequisites are not as formidable as they might initially appear. The HUS representatives also expressed the view that there will be sufficient seats for incoming freshmen because multiple sections of Intro. to Humanities will continue to be offered in the short run. The HUS representatives further expressed the view that the original Humanistic Studies model was financially untenable and that the new list of courses was actually more compatible with the Gen Ed learning outcomes. The UC chair made the point that advising will now be more important than ever for freshmen leaning toward majors such as English. If they can be advised away from the large introductory courses and into course more appropriate to an English major, that will help preserve seats for those not so inclined.

d. Criminal Background Checks

The chair made the point that our practices in this area have been running somewhat in advance of our established policies since recent searches have been automatically including the criminal background checks in the published position information even though no agreed upon policy on this matter has been given campus-wide approval. The Provost has recently corrected this problem, guaranteeing criminal background checks will not be automatically made until the campus-wide policy on the matter has been approved.

4. New Business

- a. A proposed revision to Code 53.11 regarding the duties of the associate LAS dean in relationship to the General Education program was given a preliminary discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terence O'Grady, secretary pro tempore