

## University of Wisconsin-Green Bay University Committee

Present:

8 September 2010

3:00 pm, CL 830

Previous Meeting 1 September 2010

Dave Dolan  
Tim Kaufman  
Illene Noppe (Chair)  
Michael Draney  
Derek S. Jeffreys  
Brian Sutton

Guest: Julia Wallace, Provost; Brent Blahnik, Director, OIE; Cliff Abbott, Secretary of the Faculty

1. The minutes of the meeting of 1 September 2010 were approved with minor corrections.
2. Report on the Chancellor's Leadership Council. Illene Noppe reported that she found the meeting of the Chancellor's Leadership Council informative. The Provost and staff members made good presentations on a variety of topics. Illene Noppe welcomed greater faculty participation in the meeting, and described how the university has prepared for fiscal emergencies.
3. Extramural Fringe Benefit Rates. Dave Dolan presented a draft resolution on the recent increase in Extramural Fringe Benefit rates. He reported that the increase would produce significant financial losses for the Pre-College Program. With minor changes, the UC approved Dave Dolan's resolution, and agreed to send it the Faculty Senate.
4. Policy on Centers and Institutes. Illene Noppe presented a policy statement on Centers and Institutes. After making minor changes, the UC agreed to send it to the Faculty Senate.
5. Provost Discussion. Provost Wallace joined the UC and discussed several topics, including her plans to reorganize graduates studies. She noted that UWGB has five graduate programs, but they are decentralized. She plans to house all of them in the Provost's office. The Associate Provost and a new Dean of Professional Studies will oversee graduate programs. The Provost indicated that this reorganization will help UWGB grow its graduate programs, and respond to the growing market for graduate education. UC members briefly discussed the proposed changes in graduate education. The Provost requested additional feedback, and asked UC members to elicit faculty responses to her plans for graduate education.
6. Governance Committees. Dave Dolan distributed a revised list of joint-governance committees. UC members asked for greater clarity about what constitutes a joint committee. Cliff Abbott

arrived, and relayed that a joint committee entails joint ownership by faculty, staff and the administration. Brian Sutton asked about the practical consequences of identifying joint committees. Cliff Abbott responded that reorganizing the committees is primarily a matter of “neatness,” but might affect how particular committees operate. He suggested that the UC consult the Provost about reconstituting her committees. Brian Sutton presented proposed changes for the Committee on Academic Actions, which the UC could forward to the Faculty Senate. Illene Noppe agreed to provide Cliff Abbott with a new list of joint committees.

7. Faculty Senate Agenda. Illene Noppe asked Cliff Abbott to place on the Faculty Senate agenda a resolution on extramural benefit Rates, a policy on centers and institutes, proposed changes in the Committee on Academic Actions, and memorial resolutions for Ganga Nair and Dean O’Brian. The UC also elected Tim Kaufman to serve as Deputy Speaker for the Faculty Senate.
8. Collective Bargaining. Illene Noppe expressed a desire for the UC to carefully discuss collective bargaining for UWGB faculty and staff. Dave Dolan suggested that before adopting a resolution on unionization, the UC should gauge campus sentiment about it. Mike Draney urged the UC to invite union organizers and others to present on the merits and demerits of unionization. Illene Noppe talked about the importance of having a good organizer. The UC agreed that it should devote most or all of a meeting to discussing collective bargaining.
9. Future UC Business. Illene Noppe briefly discussed UWGB’s growing commitment to on-line and hybrid education. She suggested that the UC fully discuss this topic because it concerns pedagogy, faculty load, and student access to courses. Derek Jeffreys briefly noted some arguments against alternative delivery systems, and expressed a desire to discuss the issue more fully.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Derek S. Jeffreys  
Secretary Pro Tempore