

Date: January 26, 2017

To: University Committee Members From: Andrew Austin, UC Member

RE: UC Minutes for January 18 3:00 to 5:00 PM

CL 735 Conference Room

Present: Andrew Austin (notetaker), Katrina Hrivnak, Katia Levintova, Chuck Rybak, Jan Snyder, Christine Vandenhouten, David Voelker, Steve Meyer, Greg Davis, and Tom Kujawa.

- 1. Provost Greg Davis discussed several items, including the situation at Oshkosh, the Governor's proposal for a tuition cut, the financial state of the university (specifically gap between enrollment numbers and dollars generated), the potential for sequestering money in response to shortfall, discussions concerning workload, and the annual review. One issue in particular generated a great deal of discussion: Social Work's elaborate review process and the difficulty of their faculty to meet the Provost's request to submit PARs in the spring. It was suggested that a request for a pared down PAR might solve this problem. Provost was excused.
- 2. Minutes were approved with a minor revision.
- 3. Discussed workload issues. Agreement on the UC that workload in terms of teaching credits should be uniform across colleges. Members reviewed information indicating that there is no accreditation criteria requiring any of our accredited programs or programs seeking accreditation to adopt an 18-credit teaching load. UC discussed possible faculty responses to a policy that treated colleges inequitably. Members agreed that a Senate resolution voicing disapproval is the most likely response.
- 4. Discussed the question of whether the Chancellor's annual review request contradicted the Faculty Handbook on review policy. It was determined that, since the annual review is a new policy, it is not covered in the Faculty Handbook. This discussion was interrupted by the arrival of our guest for the day....
- 5. Tom Kujawa joined the UC to discuss campus security. Campus carry was discussed (which the UC strongly opposes), as well as training for handling disruptive students, the possibility of locking doors in an emergency, the on-going key audit, the character of school shootings and psychological profiles of shooters, the availability of security audits, and the building of safe rooms. One issue in particular enjoyed widespread support: allowing faculty members to carry keys to their classrooms (if they wished). UC will continue discussions about security determined to develop policy that moves beyond informational and training sessions with campus security.
- 6. Met SOFAS to set agenda for 1/25 Faculty Senate meeting but decided that there was not enough business; the consent of the body was to cancel Senate meeting. Decided to use this time to continue working on annual review policy.

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