

Minutes

Meeting of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay University Committee

January 24, 2014, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Cofrin Library 750

Attendance: Anne Buttke, (Academic Staff Rep filling in for Kristy Aoki), Greg Davis, Mimi Kubsch, Steve Meyer (recording), Cristina Ortiz, Bryan Vescio (Chairperson), and Heba Mohammad (Student Rep)

Guests: Provost Julia Wallace

Excused: Ryan Martin

Meeting called to order at 3:04 pm

- I. Minutes from the December 11, 2013 University Committee (UC) Meeting were approved.
- II. Announcements from Chairperson Vescio
 - a. Search Committee for new Chancellor. Chair Vescio thanked the members of the UC for submitting names of faculty to be considered for the search and screen committee over the Christmas break. He mentioned it was a much more daunting task to come up with 22 faculty nominees than he anticipated. Besides trying to meet all the various diversity criteria (ethnic background, gender, professional rank, academic domain (department and college), etc.), he had a difficult time finding 22 faculty who would serve on the search and screen committee (not because of lack of interest, but due to lack of time). In the end, Chair Vescio forwarded the names of 22 faculty (12 men/10 women – 12 Liberal Arts and Sciences/10 Profession Studies) to UW System. Al Crist, from UW System, made the selection of the 11 faculty to serve on the search and screen. In addition, the names of four faculty were passed along for consideration as search committee chair; Prof. Cheryl Grosso was selected for this role. Greg Davis, a member of the search and screen committee, had just come from their first meeting. He informed the UC that the position description was being finalized (it would look much the same as the one used when Chancellor Harden was hired) and provided us with the proposed timeline for the search (on-campus interviews before the end of the spring semester). Chair Vescio mentioned that the search consultant, Steve Leo, will be on campus Monday, January 27, to visit with various groups to discuss the qualities and characteristics we would like to see in the new Chancellor.
 - b. System President Search. Heba Mohammad, the student representative on that search and screen committee, and Chair Vescio expressed their views on the selection of Chancellor Ray Cross as new UW System President. After participating in the campus teleconferences with each candidate, Chair Vescio mentioned that he thought Cross's answers were more substantive than the other candidates and he was encouraged by

Cross's view on the value of a liberal arts education. Chair Vescio also mentioned he thought Cross had good ties with some legislators.

- c. Resolution. Chair Vescio passed along word that the UW – Stevens Point Faculty Senate passed a resolution similar to the one passed by UW – Green Bay desiring their Chancellor provide detailed budget reports to the Faculty Senate once per year. This reinitiated discussion of the UW – Green Bay resolution. The UW – Green Bay resolution requested faculty representation on the Chancellor's budget cabinet. This request was rejected by Chancellor Harden, instead he suggested he would report to the Faculty Senate about the budget process once each semester. With the search and screen process underway for a new Chancellor, the UC wondered whether we ought to work the request of faculty representation on the budget cabinet into questioning during interview process or should we try to put the current understanding (budget reporting to the Faculty Senate by the Chancellor) into code – it currently is not in code.
 - d. Faculty Reps. There is a faculty reps meeting in Madison on January 31, 2014. There are several interesting items that will appear on the agenda. Chair Vescio asked Faculty Rep Meyer if there were any updates since the last UC meeting. Meyer reported no updates on these issues since the end of the Fall semester.
- III. Election of a New UC Chair (for 2014-2015).
- a. Because the UC Chair receives a two course reassignment for the academic year, with regards to the planning of the timetable it is important to know who will serve as UC Chair the following academic year. With this in mind, Chair Vescio thought this would be a good time to select the new UC Chair for the 2014-2015 academic year.
 - b. Greg Davis was nominated by Bryan Vescio and seconded by Cristina Ortiz. By unanimous vote, Greg Davis will serve as UC Chair for the 2014-2015 academic year.
- IV. Named Professorships Selection Committee
- a. Chair Vescio needs to convene the committee and serve as ex-officio member.
 - b. Selection is to occur in the Spring 2014 semester and Professorships are to begin June 1.
- V. Effective Governance Webinar
- a. This event will take place Thursday, February 6. The entire campus is registered.
 - b. Chair Vescio asked how to best spread the word to faculty about this event. It was decided a simple all-faculty email would suffice.
- VI. Meeting with the Provost
- a. Provost Wallace shared news that the many UW Colleges (the 2 year institutions) are having a very difficult time in terms of budgets.
 - b. In the wake of the passing of a student in early January, Provost Wallace suggested the Faculty Senate discuss a "Policy on Posthumous Degrees in Memoriam". Associate Provost Andy Kersten drafted such a policy which will be discussed at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

- VII. Meet with Cliff Abbott to set faculty senate agenda.
 - a. Agenda was set.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Meyer