MINUTES UW Green Bay University Committee

Present: Steven Meyer (Chair) Illene Noppe Laura Riddle Meir Russ Brian Sutton Dean VonDras Lisa DeLeeuw, Academic Staff Rep.

13 January 2009 10:00 am, CL 825

Previous Meeting: 17 December 2008

Guest: Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff Cliff Abbott

- 1) The minutes from the 3 December 2008 and the 17 December 2008 meetings were reviewed and approved.
- 2) Information Exchange with Chair Steven Meyer:

Chair Meyer presented information from the most recent Chancellor's Cabinet meeting. Of particular note were transition meetings planned for February and April at which time the Chancellor-elect will meet members of the community, with full-time duties beginning June 1. Chair Meyer also briefly discussed potential budget cuts for System that may mean a deficit of 1.7 million for UW-Green Bay. Chair Meyer also noted that President Riley has put forth a 2.5% pay plan increase for each year of the next biennium.

- 3) New Business:
 - a) Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff Cliff Abbott then joined the UC and discussed code changes involving Chapters 3 and 51 of the Faculty Handbook. The changes suggested by the SOFAS integrate Chapters 3 and 51 to remove redundant and potentially confusing code.
 - b) The SOFAS further suggested that perhaps the code should also contain information detailing how to resign. A procedure for resigning does not currently appear in the Faculty Handbook. The SOFAS indicated that he would work with Human Resources to delineate resignation procedures and report at a future UC meeting on possible directives that may be included in the Faculty Handbook.

- c) The UC then began a preliminary discussion of the Higher Learning Commission's (HLC) report following their review last academic year. It was suggested that the HLC recommendations should be addressed and perhaps implemented in the Growth Agenda. It was also noted that the HLC's report and Chancellor Shepard's response might be useful in developing new teaching and learning initiatives.
- d) The remaining part of the meeting was spent identifying faculty members who may be willing to serve on the Rights and Responsibilities Committee, the Senate Legislative Affairs Committee, and the Senate Committee on Planning and Budget.
- e) The next UC meeting will be held on January 21, 2009, from 9:00 -10:45 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean VonDras, secretary pro tempore