

MINUTES
UW Green Bay University Committee

Present:	4 February 2009
Steven Meyer (Chair)	3:00 pm, CL 825
Illene Noppe	
Laura Riddle	
Meir Russ	
Brian Sutton	Previous Meeting:
Dean VonDras	28 January 2009
Lisa DeLeeuw, Academic Staff Representative	
Joel Diny, Student Government Representative	

Guest: Jennifer Mokren, Chair of Committee on Committees and Nominations

- 1) The Minutes from the 28 January 2009 meetings was reviewed and approved with minor revision.
- 2) Information Exchange with Brian Sutton:

Brain Sutton presented information from the most recent Chancellor's Cabinet meeting. Of particular note were the forming of the Provost Search Committee, and indication that the new Chancellor will be on campus February 14th to the 20th to meet with members of the community.

- 3) Continuing Business:
 - a) Chair Meyer briefly discussed the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) report received in February 2008, and noted that it will be disseminated to Senators prior to the next Faculty Senate meeting. Chair Meyer also discussed an abbreviation of the HLC report that he will also send Senators that point out important concerns identified by the UC. There was concern raised about various aspects of the report, e.g., diversity, interdisciplinarity, work-overload, and assessment of student learning, etc.. These were all noted as areas that deserve the attention and discussion of the Faculty Senate.
 - b) Illene Noppe briefed the committee on the recruitment of volunteers to serve on the Interdisciplinary Task Force.
 - c) In relation to the HLC report and upcoming visit of the new Chancellor, the role of faculty in shared governance was discussed, and the need to improve communication between faculty and administration was noted. It was suggested that a Faculty-Administration Liaison be appointed to facilitate clear communication and cooperation between faculty and administration.

- d) The revision to code involving Chapters 51 and 3 were reviewed, and briefly discussed. The latest revision will be disseminated to Senators prior to the next Faculty Senate meeting.
- e) There was a very open discussion of other concerns including the following:
Access to an Ombudsman; it is not clear who would be consulted or who would represent Faculty interests if a complaint or grievance were made. Also there was concern for the English as a Second Language (ESL) program; this program currently has no faculty member assigned to serve full-time in the role of oversight of the program. Also of concern was support for the International Education program, and attempts to recruit international and exchange students. The development of an Honors Program and how this program may be potentially structured was also very briefly discussed. There was also concern for compensation for teaching athletic scholarship students during the Summer Session.

New Business:

- a) Chair Meyer discussed the possibility of joint Faculty and Academic Staff in service on committees, and how Faculty and Academic Staff may work together in more effectively meeting the charges of various committees. There was also discussion of determining if any present committees were obsolete.
- b) Chair Meyer also discussed students repeating courses, and an idea circulated by the UW-Eau Claire Faculty Representative that investigates instituting a surcharge for retaking a course. While recognizing that setting tuition fees is beyond the role of the faculty, other possible tuition options were briefly noted.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean VonDras, secretary pro tempore