MINUTES UW Green Bay University Committee

Present: 4 March 2009 Steven Meyer (Chair) 3:00 pm, CL 825

Illene Noppe Laura Riddle Meir Russ

Brian Sutton Previous Meeting:
Dean VonDras 25 February 2009

Lisa DeLeeuw, Academic Staff Representative Joel Diny, Student Government Representative

Guests: Interim Provost William Laatsch; Secretary of Faculty and Academic Staff Cliff Abbott

1) The minutes of 25 February 2009 were approved.

2) Chair's Report:

a) The most recent meeting of the Chancellor's Cabinet was attended by Brian Sutton. The meeting was primarily devoted to budget discussion and projections by Tom Maki.

3) Continuing Business:

- a) UC Chair Steven Meyer reported that preliminary thoughts on the development of an Honors program had been shared with the AAC.
- b) Textbook concerns. Illene Noppe reported to the UC that other universities have not had success with textbook rental programs and that e-books appear to be gaining popularity. Electronic delivery of materials affords instructors and students options of using limited portions of books at reduced rates. Representatives from SGA will be invited to the April meeting of the Faculty Senate to further discuss this issue.
- 4) Information Exchange with Interim Provost Laatsch:
 - a) Interim Provost Laatsch clarified that the System-wide study of program array is essentially a process of data collection. He shared with the UC that there has been discussion about the number of distance learning credits that may be applied towards graduation requirements. Interim Provost Laatsch also discussed System plans to develop a pilot program of three-year baccalaureate degrees at select UW institutions.
- 5) The UC was joined by SOFAS Cliff Abbott to discuss the Faculty Senate meeting scheduled for 11 March 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Riddle, secretary pro tempore