MINUTES UW Green Bay University Committee

Present: 15 April 2009 Steven Meyer (Chair) 3:00 pm, CL 825

Laura Riddle

Brian Sutton Previous Meeting:
Dean VonDras 1 April 2009

Excused: Illene Noppe, Meir Russ

Guests: Academic Staff Representative Sherri Arendt, Interim Provost William Laatsch, Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff Cliff Abbott

1) The Minutes from the 25 March 2009 and the 1 April 2009 meetings were reviewed and approved.

2) Information Exchange with Professor Sutton:

Professor Sutton presented information from the most recent Chancellor's Cabinet meeting. Noted as particular areas of discussion during the meeting were the Student Government Association smoking policy and the State budget. It was also noted that Chancellor Harden will be on campus April 20 to meet with members of the community.

3) New Business:

- a) Chair Meyer discussed the concerns for automobile safety at the intersection of Lakeside Place and Nicolet Dr, and indicated that he would share these concerns with the Director of Public Safety.
- b) Chair Meyer also noted the responsibilities of elected Senators to attend the full duration of Senate meetings and to make sure that their substitute also attends if they are forced to leave early during the meeting.
- c) Sherri Arendt, Academic Staff representative, joined the meeting for a broad discussion of collective bargaining issues involving academic staff.
- d) Chair Meyer then discussed creating a longer term for the UW-Green Bay Faculty Representative to System. SOFAS Cliff Abbott joined this discussion. The Faculty Representative is currently also the UC Chair. Chair Meyer suggested that perhaps there be another UC member or Faculty Senator serving in this role, and that the term of appointment be extended to 2 or 3 years. The UC suggested reassignment time for both the UC Chair and Faculty Representative so as to serve most effectively. Further it was suggested that the Provost be asked to make available reassignment time for individuals who serve in these very important roles for the Faculty.

- e) There was brief discussion of reducing the current number of 60 credit hours required for residency status to qualify for All University Honors. It was noted that some programs may require less that 60 credit hours for completion of the major degree, and thus perhaps the residency status should be adjusted in accordance.
- f) There was also brief discussion of a surcharge for retaking a course. The Chair noted that he would bring this up at the Chancellor's Cabinet meeting for discussion.
- g) Interim Provost William Laatsch then joined the meeting and shared information from a recent Provost's meeting he attended. Provost Laatsch particularly noted that there was much concern for the State budget and its impact on campuses. He also indicated there were growing interests in having the UW-Colleges offer Baccalaureate degrees and in the comprehensive campuses receiving money from the Federal Government's stimulus package fund. Provost Laatsch took the UC's request for release time for individuals who serve as UC Chair and Faculty Representation under advisement.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean VonDras, secretary pro tempore