AGENDA

UW-GREEN BAY FACULTY SENATE MEETING NO. 10
Wednesday, May 8, 2013
University Union 103, 3:00 p.m.
Presiding Officer: Bryan Vescio, Speaker
Parliamentarian: Clifford Abbott

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FACULTY SENATE MEETING NO. 9
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3. CHANCELLOR’S REPORT

4. NEW BUSINESS
   a. Election of Speaker of the Senate for 2013-14

   b. Resolution on Master of Social Work program [page 5]
      Presented Jolanda Sallmann

   c. Request for future business

5. PROVOST’S REPORT

6. OTHER REPORTS
   a. Faculty Rep’s Report - Presented by Steve Meyer
   b. University Committee Report - Presented by UC Chair Derek Jeffreys
   c. Academic Staff Report - Presented by Emily Rogers
   d. Student Government Report - Presented by Heba Mohammad
   e. Academic Affairs Council Report - attached [page 6]

7. ADJOURNMENT
1. CALL TO ORDER. Speaker Vescio called the Senate meeting to order a bit after 3 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES for Faculty Senate Meeting No. 8, April 3, 2013. Speaker Vescio asked for any comments or corrections to the minutes and, upon hearing none, declared the minutes approved.

3. CHANCELLOR’S REPORT The Chancellor was unable to attend so there was no report.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. UWGB United Resolution. Senator Draney, as president of UWGB United, the local chapter 6511 of the American Federation of Teachers, presented the resolution, which was then moved by Senator Pott (Senator Jeffreys, second). The discussion began with questions about the Chancellor’s Cabinet in response to which it was established that the Cabinet in its current form: consists of the Provost, Special Assistant Spielmann, the Director of Athletics, and the leaders of Advancement and Business and Finance; is not a decision-making body; and is not subject to the open meetings law. Past versions of a Cabinet had different compositions and at one point included the chair of the University Committee. Senator Davis recalled that arrangement, thought it was superior to the one called for in the resolution, and so moved (Senator Ortiz...
second) to amend the resolution to read, “... that the UW-Green Bay Faculty Senate requests that the Chancellor allow the University Committee to appoint one of its members as a liaison between the Chancellor’s Cabinet and the UW-Green Bay faculty. The Senate further requests this appointee be invited to observe all Chancellor’s Cabinet meetings with the aim of providing direct feedback between that Cabinet and UW-Green Bay faculty.”

This amendment passed (22-0-0). Having established the ‘be it resolved’ clause, the senators turned their attention to the ‘whereas’ clauses, particularly the second one. There were questions about what the data actually show, whether the whole thing ought to be rewritten, and what ‘possible’ was adding. This spurred Senator Draney to move (Senator Ganyard second) an amendment from “... the data show possible to significant compensation misalignment...” to “... the data show significant compensation misalignment ...” in the second paragraph.

This amendment passed (21-0-1). With its appetite for editorial prowess now whetted, the Senate discussed a number of other possible changes, most of them trying to determine the significance of the word ‘significant’ but none of these resulted in any action. The resolution, as amended, then passed (22-0-0).


5. PROVOST’S REPORT

The Provost took the opportunity to assess the past year. Among the highlights she mentioned:
new programs (graduate programs in nursing and sustainability, an on-line undergraduate program in health informatics, and the three proposed engineering technology programs);
extended adult access programs in the Milwaukee area and north central Wisconsin; a collaborative pre-school initiative with the Wildlife Sanctuary; an internship coordinator for EMBI; a Weidner Center program that broke even; record numbers of faculty promotions and graduating students; progress in assessment and accreditation planning; a mention in the Princeton Review as a “green university”; work on an outdoor recreation facility (beach volleyball is on the way) and the plaza renovation (the roof of the SS building).

If people are inclined to rest on this list of laurels, they should consider the challenges we face: declining first year enrollment; the compensation plan; the rapidly changing world of higher education with its MOOCs, LOOCs, Coursera, EdX, Udacity, Flex Degree and the like; the popularity of on-line courses and their confusing financial models; the increasingly competitive environment within and beyond the state with a breakdown of traditionally respected geographical turfs; and a political environment that tends toward impetuous decisions rather than reasoned dialog. All of these challenges demand more dialog on difficult issues for us all.

6. OTHER REPORTS

a. Academic Affairs Council. This report was attached to the agenda without elaboration.
b. University Committee Report. UC Chair Jeffreys reported on a proposal to create, analogous to CATL, a center for the enhancement of research and scholarship. The idea is to offer centralized support for grant writing and statistical analysis to encourage research.

c. Academic Staff Report. Kristi Aoki, chair of the Academic Staff Committee, reported on the upcoming meeting of the Academic Staff Assembly, a survey of staff on career progression issues, and the success of the Wellness Committee.

d. Student Government Report. Heba Mohammad reported on the recent election. She herself has been reelected President (spontaneous applause) with Morgan Mason as Vice President and Tony Hinkel and Jimmy Honrath as President and Vice President of the Residence Hall and Apartment Association, respectively. Work continues on the childcare issue and SGA will be trying some strategic planning. It was pointed out that the position of faculty liaison to SGA is open and available.

7. OPEN FORUM

The topic was assessment and Associate Provost Andrew Kersten presented the University’s assessment plan, under construction for at least the last two years, and a reorganization of the University Assessment Council. He reviewed the very collaborative process used to create the plan, its goals, its planned implementation, and how it will be coordinated in the future. The senators responded with expressions of support and skepticism, along with a few questions. The support came from senators who appreciated the well-considered plan and senators who had done enough assessment in their programs to recognize its worth for viewing the big picture. The skepticism focused on the workload necessary (depending on what data is already collected there may be work involved there but reporting should be much simpler); the bias inherent in self-assessment; and the perception that the plan will lead to less flexibility and innovation. There were questions on who approves program plans (the Deans), additional resources to conduct the assessment (not in the plan), the coordination of assessment with program accreditation (the aim is to make that as simple as possible), and what kind of reactions the subcommittee on academic program assessment might give (advice on cross campus comparisons). The Forum ended with the prediction that the Senate will be asked next fall to consider changing the Code on the General Education Council to accommodate and clarify its role in assessment.

8. ADJOURNMENT  With its business concluded, the Speaker adjourned the meeting at 4:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Clifford Abbott, Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff

Whereas the UW-Green Bay/Oshkosh Collaborative Master of Social Program (MSW) has successfully operated an accredited Program since 2003, and

Whereas the Program has successfully met the region’s demand for preparation of Master’s prepared social workers since its inception in 2003, and

Whereas the Program has experienced considerable growth in student demand, and

Whereas the Program has developed and maintained strong community partnerships throughout northeast Wisconsin, and

Whereas, the Program has grown in its capacity to offer a fully viable and independent MSW Program,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay supports the dissolution of the Collaborative MSW Program in support of an independent, UW-Green Bay Master of Social Work Program.

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- The following curricular items were approved:
  CLAS 290 FORM CCF IST 106 – change catalog description
  CLAS 343 FORM CA IST_AOE Non Profit leadership
  CLAS 395 FORM CCF MUSAPP_various – change prefix from music app to music ens

- The following curricular items were held:
  CLAS 347 FORM CA ECON_Major – cross list course – this action requires a form CCF to create ECON 342, as per the advice of the Registrar.

- It was determined that no action was needed from the AAC on the following items:
  CPS 89 FORM NCF NURS 492 – new topic in a variable topic course

Respectfully submitted, Kaoime E. Malloy