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UW Green Bay University Committee

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| Present: | 27 October 2010 |
| Derek Bergman, Student Government Representative | 3:00 pm, CL 830 |
| Brent Blahnik, Academic Staff Representative | |
| Dave Dolan | |
| Mike Draney | |
| Derek Jeffreys | Previous Meeting |
| Illene Noppe, Chair | October 20, 2010 |
| Brian Sutton | |

Guests: Derryl Block, Interim Dean of Professional Studies; Peter Davis (via telephone)

1. The minutes of the 20 October 2010 meeting were approved with minor corrections.
2. Informational update from UC Chair Illene Noppe:
 - According to SOFAS Cliff Abbott, the Institutional Review Board and the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee are both mandated to be under the Provost's purview, and thus should not become Joint Governance Committees.
 - According to Special Assistant to the Chancellor Dan Spielmann, the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee is traditionally under the Chancellor's purview, and thus should not become a Joint Governance Committee.
 - Also according to Dan Spielmann, but this time perhaps in his role as legal counsel, there should be no difficulty in classifying as *governance* committees the remaining committees from the motion that was tabled at the October Faculty Senate meeting.
 - According to Rebecca Meacham, co-chair of the Committee on Committees and Nominations, the CCN will accept the task of writing up procedural changes for any committees reclassified as Joint Governance Committees. The written-up changes should be ready in time for consideration at the December Faculty Senate meeting, the meeting at which the motion tabled in October, or a variant of that motion, will probably be reconsidered.
 - According to SOFAS Abbott, the UC may schedule more frequent Faculty Senate meetings for 2011-12 than the traditional once-a-month rate, if the UC so desires. This would be done later this school year, when the UC and the SOFAS draw up the schedule for 2011-12 Faculty Senate meetings.
3. Interim Dean Derryl Block summarized the proposal for an online Master's Degree in Nursing to be delivered in conjunction with UW-Oshkosh. She then fielded questions about the proposed program from UC members, with most questions involving specifics of either the practicums, program financing, or program quality control. It was agreed that the proposal should be placed on the November Faculty Senate agenda as a discussion item, with the vote likely coming at the December meeting.
4. UC members briefly discussed ways the University might become more "partner friendly" and the issue of whether or not this partner friendliness might include adopting a Partner Hiring Policy. At UC members' request, Professor Noppe promised to

ask University Counsel Dan Spielmann about the legal implications of adopting a Partner Hire Policy.

5. The UC then contacted attorney Peter Davis via conference telephone call to discuss the possibility that Mr. Davis might attend the November Faculty Senate meeting as an informational resource during a planned discussion of collective bargaining. Mr. Davis emphasized that he could discuss the legal aspects and the processes involved with unionization but that he would not be inclined toward statements like “If I were you, I’d favor/oppose unionization because” UC members voiced approval of this, as the UC was seeking an informational resource, not an advocate for one side or the other. It was agreed that Mr. Davis would attend the November Faculty Senate meeting, giving a presentation of no more than twenty minutes and then responding to questions.

After the phone conversation, UC members agreed that because many people on campus sought more information about collective bargaining, effort should be made to make sure all UWGB employees were aware that the November Faculty Senate meeting would include an informational session on collective bargaining and that everyone was welcome to attend.

6. There was brief discussion of a possible proposal from Brian Sutton, prohibiting any one UWGB course from requirements that would cause students to miss any other UWGB course in a different time slot. Professor Sutton stated that while he supported the aims of the Phuture Phoenix program, he was concerned that many UWGB students were in essence required to miss classes to guide K-12 students around the campus. He wondered if the UWGB student guides could be scheduled in a way that would eliminate or at least decrease required absences. It was agreed to postpone further discussion until a meeting in which Tim Kaufman would be present, since Professor Kaufman was likely to know more about the difficulties such a scheduling change might involve.

7. UC members discussed an emailed suggestion by David Coury, Chair of HUS, that the UC consider creating a proposal to revise the Professional Activities Report, perhaps by creating a new category for SoTL and other pedagogy-related scholarship. Professor Coury’s email suggested that UWGB should seek “a bit more standardization” regarding the PAR. UC members expressed reluctance to create a new category on the PAR for pedagogy-related scholarship: we could reasonably expect all faculty members to make contributions in each of the three current areas of teaching, research, and service, but not all faculty members could necessarily be expected to contribute to pedagogy-related research. UC members also expressed reluctance to move toward more standardization, as they felt that this might infringe on the units’ prerogatives. Thus, UC members declined to act on Professor Coury’s suggestion.

The meeting adjourned at 4:59.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Sutton
Secretary pro tempore