MINUTES
UW Green Bay University Committee

Present: 28 November 2007
Dean Von Dras (Chair) 3:15 pm, CL 825
Terence O’Grady
Steven Meyer
Illene Noppe
Previous Meeting:
Laura Riddle
Kevin Roeder
Dan McIver (Academic Staff representative)

1) The minutes of 7 November 2007 were approved.

2) The UC Chair provided information pertaining to the Cabinet report on: mandated training regarding Sexual Harassment Awareness, colleague coverage, criminal background checks, spring semester convocation on 1/16, tuition authority, new smoking policy being discussed by student government, and salary increases.

3) Information Exchange with Provost Sue Hammersmith
   a) The Provost was unavailable for this meeting.

4) Continuing Business
   a) Status of the Administrator Evaluation policy was discussed. The UC is waiting for formal acknowledgement from administration that the policy and related processes are complete and ready for implementation.
   b) In light of the Provost’s absence, the UC will wait until the next meeting to further explore issues and assignments of the Faculty Senate Budget and Planning Committee. Furthermore, the UC will revisit with the Provost “opening the books” at UW-Green Bay to make the budget process more transparent.
   c) Further discussion on the Program Review process occurred. Kevin Roeder and Illene Noppe reaffirmed their readiness to attend Unit Chairs meetings to discuss the program review process. They were asked by other members of the UC to consider seeking feedback from Unit Chair’s via e-mail as they distribute materials provided by the Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff on this topic (re: Program Reviews – A Report by the Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff, Summer 2007).
   d) Status of the proposed changes in the Teaching Evaluation policy and use of the CCQ’s and the Rutgers Scale as methods of evaluating teaching effectiveness were discussed. UC members expressed regret that this policy and process appears to be moving forward despite strong faculty concerns, as these tools as a method of evaluation are fraught with serious difficulties.

5) New Business
   a) Conflict of interest concerns across campus and the role of the UC was discussed, which prompted review of 54.02 of Code.
b) Unit realignment (re: Proposal – Procedures for Determining the Curricular Relationship between Interdisciplinary Units and Academic Programs) was further discussed. The Chair of the UC will seek to clarify some of the possible contradictions with the proposal.

c) Merit to and drawbacks of the shared governance principles and guidelines (re: Shared Governance Principles and Guidelines – Faculty and Academic Staff, November 15, 2007) were discussed.

The next UC meeting will be December 5th at 3:15 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 5:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Roeder, secretary pro tempore