Minutes
UW-Green Bay University Committee

Present:
Scott Furlong (Chair)                                                                           20 December, 2006
Chris Style                                                                                           8:00 a.m., CL 825
Dean Von Dras
Kevin Roeder                                                                                       Previous Meeting:
Donna Ritch                                                                                         06 December 2006
Terence O’Grady
Paula Ganyard (Academic Staff Rep.)

Guests:   Provost Sue Hammersmith; Associate Dean Regan Gurung; Professors David Coury,
Brian Sutton, Bryan Vescio

1. The minutes of 6 November 2006 were approved with slight changes.

2. Information Exchange with Provost Sue Hammersmith.
   a. The discussion focused on the new Bachelor of Applied Studies degree (BAS) and the
      AAC’s response to it. The Provost distributed information relating to the degree and
      the AAC’s comments on it. The AAC has recommended no specific action other than
      suggesting a wider University-wide dialogue concerning the proposed new degree. The
      Provost noted that this was a new degree, not a new major. It’s the concept of the new
      BAS degree that must be approved. The UC asked how many students were expected
      to pursue the degree. The Provost responded that the initial estimate was 35. If growth
      agenda funding were forthcoming, we would consider enlarging the program.

   b. The Provost also indicated that the university-wide poll regarding the possible change
      to the Syracuse model indicated that 72% of those responding preferred the Syracuse
      model. It was pointed out by one member that some scheduling problems still exist
      with the Syracuse model, notably the question of how to handle some courses
      previously scheduled in the 9:00 hour.

3. Continuing Business
   a. Administrator Evaluations
      Meetings with administrators to discuss last year’s faculty evaluations are underway
      and have been productive thus far.

      The UC members of the committee established to work with Melissa Jackson on
      procedures to be used in future administrator evaluations reported that that committee
      has met and has made progress. There is general agreement about the procedures to be
      followed, although some work remains to be done in terms of fine-tuning the
      questionnaire to be used.

      One of the important questions that must be answered regarding future evaluative
      procedures is how to “close the loop” and report back to the faculty in some general
      way about the results of the evaluations without compromising the confidential nature
      of the exercise from the administrator’s point of view. These are issues that the
      committee members will have to raise with Melissa Jackson as the process continues.
b. “Recommend” as stated in code.
There was general agreement that there should probably be a change in code to make
unassailably clear what is intended in code when the term “recommended” is used.
Since the AAC has recently been involved in some disputes surrounding the meaning of
this word, it was suggested that representatives of that committee should be invited to
the UC to discuss the issue before the UC attempts to craft any possible codification
changes.

c. General Education proposals
Associate LAS Dean Gurung as well as HUS chair David Coury, Bryan Vescio and
GEC chair Brian Sutton were available for the discussion, which focused on issues such
as “embedded” prerequisites in the proposed Humanistic Studies listing of Gen Ed
courses (especially in upper-level foreign language classes), and seat availability for
freshmen. Representatives from HUS explained that because so many students receive
retroactive credit in the foreign languages, over 50% of students in many of these
courses are in fact freshmen, so the embedded prerequisites are not as formidable as
they might initially appear. The HUS representatives also expressed the view that there
will be sufficient seats for incoming freshmen because multiple sections of Intro. to
Humanities will continue to be offered in the short run. The HUS representatives
further expressed the view that the original Humanistic Studies model was financially
untenable and that the new list of courses was actually more compatible with the Gen
Ed learning outcomes. The UC chair made the point that advising will now be more
important than ever for freshmen leaning toward majors such as English. If they can be
advised away from the large introductory courses and into course more appropriate to
an English major, that will help preserve seats for those not so inclined.

d. Criminal Background Checks
The chair made the point that our practices in this area have been running somewhat in
advance of our established policies since recent searches have been automatically
including the criminal background checks in the published position information even
though no agreed upon policy on this matter has been given campus-wide approval.
The Provost has recently corrected this problem, guaranteeing criminal background
checks will not be automatically made until the campus-wide policy on the matter has
been approved.

4. New Business
a. A proposed revision to Code 53.11 regarding the duties of the associate LAS dean in
relationship to the General Education program was given a preliminary discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terence O’Grady, secretary pro tempore