MINUTES
UW Green Bay University Committee

Present: 10 September 2008
Steven Meyer (Chair) 3:30 pm, CL 825
Ilene Noppe
Laura Riddle
Meir Russ
Brian Sutton
Dean VonDras

Joe Esera

Previous Meeting:
Dean VonDras 3 September 2008

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

1) The minutes of 3 September 2008 were reviewed and approved with minor revision.

2) Information Exchange with Chair Steven Meyer:
   a) Chair Steven Meyer noted recent business discussed by the Chancellor’s Cabinet, noting that the University of Wisconsin System’s ASCAP agreement and an online Harassment and Discrimination Prevention Training Program have been approved. The Chair also briefly discussed a national effort to consider a change of the legal drinking age, and the UC took special interest in finding out more about the empirical research that would suggest such a change. The Chair also briefly discussed the new Campus Emergency Procedure Guide. He also indicated that a Memorial Resolution for Bruce LaPlante will be introduced in the Senate in coming months. There was brief discussion of the Faculty Senate Planning & Budget Committee’s (FSPBC) role this coming academic year, and it was hoped that the FSPBC Chair would have greater access and more involvement in both planning and budgeting.

2) Information Exchange with Interim Provost Laatsch:
   a) The Interim Provost discussed the Growth Agenda and noted that following the flooding this past year, there is likely to be legislative pressure to divert assigned Growth Agenda funds. Currently most the Growth Agenda money is for new faculty hires, and a small portion for the Library upgrade. There is a concern for classroom space, and the Interim Provost noted that a new building is not planned for at least the next 10 years. Other discussion on this topic indicated that renovation to Rose and Wood Halls have been pushed back on the calendar.

   b) The Interim Provost discussed the creation of several special committees to improve recruitment and build enrollment. He noted and described the Adult Education Task Force, the Marketing Task Force, the Task Force on Branding, and an Admission Program Committee. The Interim Provost also noted that the demographic trends throughout the state suggest a declining number of traditional college-aged individuals, and thus the recruitment of students and subsequent meeting of the projected enrollment goals prescribed in the Growth Agenda will
be challenging. Thus the overall goal of these new committees is to attract students from a broad demographic to enroll in the programs and majors offered by UWGB.

c) The Interim Provost noted that he is also interested in developing Distance Education offerings and suggested there may be some funding available for creating new courses in this area.

3) Continuing Business:
   a) There was discussion of ways of creating a more proactive Senate. The new Faculty Senate Speaker, Illene Noppe, hopes to invigorate discussion and debate in the Senate this coming year.

   b) Noting concerns outlined by the AAC in a spring 2008 memo, the UC discussed revision of the Academic Program Review Guidelines. There was a weighing of the AAC’s concerns, and some noted in revision of the Academic Program Review Guidelines.

4) New Business:
   a) Senate agenda. The Senate agenda for the September 17 meeting was established with the assistance of Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff Cliff Abbott.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean VonDras, secretary pro tempore