

MINUTES
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay University Committee

Present:

Derek Bergman, SGA Representative

Dave Dolan

Tim Kaufman

Illene Noppe (Chair)

Michael Draney

Derek Jeffreys

Brian Sutton

29 September 2010

3:00 pm, CL 830

Previous Meeting—22 September 2010

Guests: Julia Wallace, Provost; Linda Parins (for Brent Blahnik), Academic Staff Representative; Paula Ganyard, Library Director; Denise Bartell, Human Development;

1. The minutes of the meeting of 22 September 2010 were approved as drafted.
2. Illene Noppe gave an update on the proposal for a Master of Nursing degree. The proposal has been sent to the Academic Affairs Council (AAC). The AAC should forward it to the UC by October 6th if the proposal is to appear on the October 13th Faculty Senate Agenda.
3. Illene Noppe then gave an update on the governance committees. The UC discussed whether the Library and Instructional Technology Council (LITC) and the Technology Council (TC) should be combined. Areas of overlap were noted between the two councils. Sometimes the LITC deals with issues specific to the library. Illene Noppe will check with Kathy Pletcher and Paula Ganyard before finalizing this recommendation. In general, the Committee on Committees and Nominations (CCN) agrees with the UC proposal for joint committees. By December, the CCN will provide broad guidelines that will direct the proposed joint committees to examine their charge this academic year and the implement any changes next academic year (2011-2012). Illene Noppe will include these changes in the UC report to the Faculty Senate.

Provost Discussion Provost Wallace joined the UC and discussed her Academic Plan presentation for the Regents on October 7th. She will be stressing the UWGB mission, connectivity and the problem-solving abilities of faculty and students. She will also talk about Eco-U, collaborations (e.g., UW-Oshkosh and two-year colleges), connections (e.g., Superior, Marathon County, Sheboygan, and Wausau), graduate programs, adult learning, and outreach. The Provost will make her PowerPoint presentation available to the UC and she welcomes comments. Her presentation will end with a short video that includes examples of sustainability and interdisciplinarity at UWGB.

4. Illene Noppe informed the UC that she had e-mailed the draft policy statement on the Creation and Establishment of University Institutes and Centers to everyone at UWGB who heads a center,

institute or laboratory. She requested feedback on the draft by October 5th. She noted that she had received three replies so far. The UC will discuss the feedback at their October 6th meeting.

5. First Year Seminars Resolution Denise Bartell from the First Year Seminar Task Force was introduced to the UC and then presented a resolution regarding these seminars. A discussion of the program followed. One of the main issues raised by the UC was the question of resources. The small class size (25) for these seminars will require more sections (about 40) to accommodate all freshmen. Professor Bartell responded that more support for the program is expected when the faculty gives their full support. So the purpose of the resolution is to determine whether the faculty is supportive. She also pointed out that more support would be forthcoming if the program could be tied to Gen Ed reform. Some aspects of the First Year program are included in almost every version of Gen Ed reform. Another question the UC had was if the seminar would be mandated for all freshmen. Professor Bartell thought that each student should have the opportunity to take a seminar but it would not be required. Also, adult and transfer students would have a different, but parallel experience. Derek Jeffries noted the tradeoff between small classes and large classes, the high level of oversight required to determine participation in the Common Theme, and the issues of academic freedom associated with mandated exercises. Professor Bartell replied that she expected a diversity of approaches and the question of how to deliver the required curriculum would be up to the individual faculty. Dave Dolan asked whether the seminars would be new or current courses, noting the difficulties of including the first-year curriculum in syllabi of existing courses. Professor Bartell replied that mostly new courses were envisioned as first year seminars and that, ideally, there would be course releases available for faculty wishing to participate by designing new courses. Professor Bartell also highlighted the importance of seeing the impact that these seminars have on first-year students. She noted the profound effect on teaching that these opportunities and the subsequent mentoring relationship afford.

Professor Bartell had to leave for another meeting, but the UC discussion continued. Despite misgivings about academic freedom, logistics, departmental autonomy, etc., the UC is supportive of bringing the resolution before the Faculty Senate. Illene Noppe will contact Denise Bartell for a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for next week's UC meeting.

6. Research Commons Budget Initiative Paula Ganyard, the Library Director, was then introduced to the UC. She described the UW System budget initiative to purchase electronic resources for research collections that could be shared throughout the system. There had been a similar proposal in 2008 and a new resolution will be prepared by Paula for Faculty Senate endorsement this fall. A video has been prepared about student and faculty benefiting from these resources and Paula will send the link to the UC. The video should be played before the Faculty Senate votes on the resolution.
7. Graduate Education Task Force Illene Noppe contacted Dan Spielmann about the potential overlap between the Chancellor's Graduate Education Task Force and the Graduate Faculty

Board of Advisors (GFBA). She reported that Dan never thought there would be overlap between the two groups. The UC felt that there should be a representative from the Board on the Task Force. The Board is composed of the Graduate Faculty chairs and one at-large faculty member. The Chancellor wants the input from the Task Force to come from outside the graduate faculty and from inside the community. The UC will wait for a reply from Dan Spielmann to see if a representative from the GFBA is appropriate.

8. Honors Program Task Force Discussion of this task force was deferred until the October 6th meeting.
9. Policy on Partner Hiring Discussion of this policy was deferred until the October 6th meeting.
10. Resurrection of Committee Apprentice Proposal Ilene Noppe sent this proposal to the Committee on Committees and Nominations (CCN) and they liked it. The CCN thought the issue of untenured faculty not having opportunities to serve on committees was a problem that need to be addressed. The UC will discuss this further.
11. Interdisciplinary Task Force Ilene Noppe reported that Jeff Entwistle (chair of the Task Force) will bring a proposal for the interdisciplinary minor requirements for graduation to the UC sometime this fall.

The meeting adjourned at 5:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Dolan, Secretary Pro Tempore