

University Committee Annual Report 2005-2006

The University Committee (UC) members, Forrest Baulieu, Greg Davis, Sally Dresdow (chair), Scott Furlong, Terry O'Grady, and Chris Style, met weekly. Lucy Arendt was the Academic Staff Committee representative. During most meetings, Provost Hammersmith met with the committee in an information exchange. Professor Ken Fleurant, in his position as Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff, regularly met with the committee. During the year, various guests attended to discuss specific issues including Chancellor Shepard and representatives from the General Education Committee.

The UC continued a theme from prior years in that many of the areas covered in the faculty handbook need to be reviewed and updated. In addition, the UC continued to work on curriculum procedures. During the fall semester, an overview of the curriculum process was completed. The overview was given to Associate Provost Tim Sewall, who then prepared a draft of the written procedures. During spring semester, the UC reviewed the curriculum procedure process, suggested changes, and presented it to the Faculty Senate. Further discussion and work will occur during the 2006-2007 academic year.

During the 2005-2006 academic year, the UC discussed, reviewed, and proposed a number of issues that went to the Faculty Senate.

Passed:

- Code change to University of Wisconsin-Green Bay (UWGB) Faculty Handbook Chapter 6
- Code Change to UWGB 3.08.4(d) and 3.09 1
- Addition of a C/D grade to UWGB's grading policy
- Procedure regarding student complaints made against faculty members
- Memorial Resolution for Professor Emeritus Irwin Sonfield
- Memorial resolution for Professor Anthony Galt
- Faculty Senate Resolution on the proposed UWS Chapter 7 proposed by the Board of Regents

Presented, action to be taken in 2006-2007

- Global Studies Minor
- First Nations Major
- General Education Domain Committees
- General Education Plans

Senate Discussion Items – action not required

- Proposal for Founders Degree
- Report from the Senate Committee on Planning and Budget
- Discussion on direction for General Education

Other areas the UC addressed included:

- Input to Chancellor Shepard regarding the Board of Regents' Resolution on Employment Policies and Procedures and on his proposed Diversity Initiative.
- Extensive discussion on the proposed UWS Chapter 7. Feedback was given to the Faculty Rep Group that meets in Madison and through them to the Board of Regents.
- Working with Provost Hammersmith regarding the search process and the position description for the Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences.
- Continuing the discussion of various proposals for changing the University class schedule.
- Discussing recent HERI and NSSE results.
- Reviewing and approving the proposal to establish the Center for Food in Community and Culture.
- Reviewing and recommending changes to the Provost's proposal for a comprehensive academic program review process.
- Reviewing and acting upon requests for Faculty Status for Lecturers.
- Providing faculty names to serve as replacements on the Personnel Council and Committee on Rights and Responsibilities.
- Lengthy discussions with the Provost, SOFAS Ken Fleurant, and the Academic Staff Committee regarding the position description for the SOFAS position. The discussions continued into the summer and will continue into 2006-2007.
- Working with the Academic Staff Committee to interview candidates for the SOFAS position and submitting the results to the Chancellor and Provost.
- Developing and administering a review of the Administrators.
- Reviewing and discussing the Personnel Council's report to the Chancellor.
- Issuing a clarification regarding Section 54.03 A. The Academic Affairs Council asked that the UC clarify what the term "recommend" means regarding the approval of new courses. There was spirited discussion and the discussions should continue into the 2006-2007 academic year.
- Discussing and approving the development of a Campus Community-Building Council that would report to the Chancellor. This was brought to the UC by the Academic Staff Committee.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the UC committee members for their spirited discussion, dedication, and support. Without all working together, we would not have accomplished all we did. Also, Ken Fleurant and Pat Przybelski in the SOFAS office provided invaluable advice and support. In addition, I want to say thank you to all the faculty who kept us informed of their concerns. It was a privilege to serve the UWGB community as Chair of the UC for 2005-2006.

Respectfully submitted by Sally Dresdow, Chair