

MINUTES
UW-Green Bay University Committee
6 February 2013
3:00 PM, CL 750
Previous Meeting—30 January 2013

Present: Greg Davis; Derek Jeffreys(Chair); Mimi Kubsch; Ryan Martin; Steven Meyer; Bryan Vescio; Kristy Aoki and Leif Nelson, Academic Staff Representatives; Heba Mohammad, Student Government Association Representative

Guests: SOFAS Cliff Abbott, Dean Sue Mattison, Jolanda Sallmann, and Doreen Higgins

I. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the January 30 meeting were approved by voice vote and unanimous consent.

II. Comments from the Chair: Chair Jeffreys thanked Steve Meyer for the updates he had provided on the Flexible Option program. He said that he was postponing the discussion of what might be done to promote research on campus until a further meeting, but solicited ideas from UC members, who suggested holding an open forum on the topic at a future Senate meeting. They also asked to meet with guests at UC meetings before the open forum for ideas about what could be done. Kristy Aoki announced that she would be Leif Nelson's replacement as Academic Staff Representative on the UC.

III. Discussion of the General Education Planning Document: Some members raised concerns about the endorsement of double-counting in the document released by the General Education Task Force providing guidelines for implementing the proposal approved by the Senate. Others wondered what authority the document had in general, as well as how recent calls for First-Year Seminar proposals were related to the new General Education program. The UC agreed that the Chair would email Dean Furlong to get clarification on these issues.

IV. Discussion of Engineering Technology Programs: Greg Davis summarized the proposals for three Engineering Technology degree programs in collaboration with UW-Oshkosh that had been previously distributed and explained the rationale behind them. Chair Jeffreys asked why UW-Green Bay didn't simply propose its own programs, and Davis replied that it would be hard to get approval for such programs from other schools in the state with Engineering programs. He also noted that there were still a number of unknowns about the programs, including where all the classes would be taught, how many students would enroll, and whether resources would be available to hire the three new faculty members that would be needed on each campus. He said that current UW-Green Bay faculty would probably teach primarily in the Environmental Engineering Technology program. Leif Nelson said that he hoped some new resources would also be available to staff, which would also have to assume more work helping to administer a new collaborative program. Davis suggested that these three new programs would in any event incur little risk for this campus.

V. Meeting with the Provost: Provost Wallace could not attend the meeting, so this item was omitted.

VI. Discussion of Changes in the MSW Program: Dean Sue Mattison and faculty members Jolanda Sallmann and Doreen Higgins explained some significant changes to the MSW program about which the Senate needed to be informed. UC members agreed to put the matter on the agenda for the March 6 meeting.

Dean Mattison also shared a concern the chairs of the professional programs had raised about the University Assessment Plan's impact on faculty governance. Specifically, they were concerned that the University Assessment Council, which makes recommendations about the assessment of programs, only includes two faculty members, and that its recommendations do not require the approval of the AAC. Chair Jeffreys agreed to invite Dean Mattison and the program chairs to the next UC meeting to discuss the issue further.

VII. Discussion of the student misconduct policy and the Faculty Senate Agenda: SOFAS Cliff Abbott discussed the possibility of creating a joint governance committee on student misconduct. UC members agreed to propose such a committee—with members to be appointed by the Chancellor, according to legal advice—and to give the proposal a first reading at the next Senate meeting. SOFAS Abbott and UC members then compiled an agenda for the Senate meeting to be held on February 13.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted, 2/20/13, Bryan Vescio, Secretary Pro Tempore