

MINUTES
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay University Committee

Present:	21 April 2010
Dave Dolan	3:00 pm, CL 825
Mike Draney	
Tim Kaufman	
Illene Noppe	
Laura Riddle	Previous Meeting:
Brian Sutton (Chair)	7 April 2010

Guests: Jeffreys, Derek, Associate Professor, HUS, incoming UC member; Julia Wallace, Provost

Not Present: Katrina Hrivnak, Academic Staff Representative; Megan Loritz, Student Government Representative.

- 1) **UC Photo Shoot:** The meeting began with a visit from the UW-Green Bay paparazzi. On the promise that none of us will look older next year, photos of the 2010 and 2011 UC were taken to grace the wall of CL825 in perpetuity.
- 2) **Discussion with Provost Wallace:** Given that the sequence of the meeting was already confused, we saw no problem with catching up with the Provost early into the meeting. Highlights of our conversation included:
 - Report of the Provosts' meeting of April 16, 2010:
 - Development of 4 year BAS degrees at the two year colleges. Provost Wallace learned that the 6 institutions planning on extending their program intend to provide the first 60 credits towards the BAS degrees. For the last 60 credits, 30 will be offered by the two year campuses (e.g., 30 credits worth) with the remainder in partnership with a 4 year institution. There are many ducks that need to be lined up before this were to occur, such as a modification of the 2 year college mission statement and the blessings of the HLC and Board of Regents.
 - Monitoring of "low enrollment" programs. Economic austerity has once again led to the possibility of potential evaluation of programs that do not graduate many majors. This issue will come before the System Faculty Representatives at their next meeting. How such a review would take place is currently nebulous but is nonetheless cause for a wary eye.
 - On a more positive note, the search for the new Dean of Student Services is proceeding well.
 - And on another positive note, Academic Affairs is playing an active role in the search for a new Assistant Vice Chancellor for Advancement (one of the many hats that were formerly worn by Dan Speilmann).
 - Oh yes—the criteria for graduation with academic honors: We discussed the positive and negative consequences of reducing the number of credits allowed to 48 hours. One argument in favor of this proposal concerns the increasing number of transfer students from other UW

campuses (especially the two year campuses) who are just shy of the 60 credits currently required for honors. In addition, a number of policies at other institutions require 48 credits. The UC was convinced and a proposal shall go forward recommending 48 credits as the required number to graduate from UW-Green Bay with honors.

- Reassignments for UC Chairpersonship. Provost Wallace reported that Associate Vice Chancellor Sewall is willing to allocate funding for 1 course per semester reassignment (2 reassignments per year) or a summer ninth.
- 3) **Approval of the Minutes:** We finally did this and the minutes of April 7, 2010 were approved with minor amendments.
 - 4) **Selection of the Honors Program Task Force:** Prof. Noppe presented the names that were submitted to the call for participation on the task force. Adhering to the guidelines of one faculty member per domain plus one academic staff member, the task force was constituted. UC members agreed that a student representative, appointed by SUFAC would also serve on the task force. Prof. Noppe will contact the applicants with the hopes of convening the group before the end of the semester.
 - 5) **Partner Hiring Policy:** The UC examined a proposal crafted by Prof. Coury calling for a UW-Green Bay policy that would enable our institution to be attractive to dual-career academic couples. The UC decided that this is a worthwhile issue to pursue, and discussed how best to proceed with presenting this issue to the Faculty Senate. Prof. Sutton generously agreed to assemble policies gleaned from other universities and send these to our Senators to discuss with their constituents. Their ideas will be aired during a forum at the next (and last) spring, 2010 Senate meeting.
 - 6) **Meetings of the UC:** Finding it hard to disband our close-knit group, the UC will meet after the end of the spring semester as a focus group to discuss the evolution of the growth agenda into its present-day form.
 - 7) **New business: Closed voting at the Faculty Senate--To clicker or not:** Unanimously agreeing that Senate voting should be open, the UC decided "not."

And so ends another UC meeting, which adjourned at 4:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Illene Noppe
Secretary Pro Tempore