

## Minutes

Meeting of the University of Wisconsin, Green Bay University Committee

January 30, 2013

Cofrin Library 750

3:00 - 4:50 pm

Attendance: Greg Davis, Derek Jeffreys (chair), Mimi Kubsch, Steve Meyer (recording), Samantha Surowiec (Academic Staff Rep), Heba Mohammad (student representative)

Excused: Ryan Martin, Bryan Vescio

Guests: Provost Wallace, SOFAS Cliff Abbott

Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm

- I. Approval of the Minutes of the December 12, 2012 UC meeting: approved as submitted
- II. Discussion regarding the open forum on advising at the 1/23/13 Faculty Senate meeting.
  - a. Chair Jefferies sought feedback on the open forum that took place at the previous Faculty Senate meeting. There were only a few comments made.
  - b. It was mentioned that there is sometimes a disconnect between Academic Advising and faculty advising.
  - c. There seems to be confusion that substitution waiver decisions on gen ed courses cannot be made at the unit level.
  - d. There needs to be better understanding of university curriculum and departmental curriculum in order to advise better.
  - e. Training of new faculty is essential and refresher training would be valuable for experienced faculty.
- III. Meeting with Pam Gilson to discuss competency-based education
  - a. Gilson mentioned there is subtle difference between competency-based education (i.e., Flex Option toward a degree) and credit for prior learning. Credit can only be awarded for learning, not merely for "experience." You must demonstrate what you "learned," not what you "did."
  - b. Testing Services does not award credit through competency-based education, but through credit for prior learning.
  - c. Gilson went on to describe the various forms of credit for prior learning available through UW – Green Bay. These include: Advanced Placement (AP) tests, College Level Examination Program (CLEP) tests, challenge exams, DSST exams, Excelsior college exams (common in Nursing programs), International Baccalaureate exams, military training and experience, portfolio (prior knowledge of design arts), and retroactive credits (common in foreign language programs and, to a lesser extent, mathematics).

- IV. Discussion of granting faculty status to Denise Carlson-Gardner
  - a. We are waiting for more documentation at the Interdisciplinary unit level before we are able to act on this request.
  
- V. Meeting with the Provost
  - a. The Provost's comments focused on a University Assessment Plan as it relates to the 2017 Higher Learning Commission study.
    - i. Angie Bauer will be visiting with the departments asking them to focus on one learning outcome this year based on their academic program review, what they're doing with the results and how the unit is changing their program based on what they've learned.
    - ii. Greg Davis stated that assessment usually focuses on learning from the perspective of teaching. He offered that assessment should also focus on learning from the perspective of scholarship as it applies to contributions to student success.
  - b. Future items for the semester:
    - i. Engineering Technology major – a regional need and a joint program with UW-O.
    - ii. MSW program – was a joint program with UW-O but is divorcing itself. UW – Green Bay believes it can carry the program on its own and is looking to have a stand alone MSW program by 2016.
  
- VI. Meeting with SOFAS Cliff Abbott
  - a. A rise in the number of student misconduct cases is putting a burden on a few individuals.
  - b. Cliff discussed the formation of a new committee – the Committee of Student Misconduct.
  - c. This would be a joint governance committee.
  - d. Whether it would be an appointed committee or an elected committee is uncertain at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 4:32 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Meyer