

University Committee Minutes

Wednesday March 22nd, 2023

3:00 – 5:00 PM via Microsoft Teams

Present: Devin Bickner, Aaron Weinschenk, Joan Groessler, Mark Klemp, Clif Ganyard, Patricia Terry, Christine Vandenhouten, Steve Meyer, Laura Nolan, Lea Truttmann, Harrison Thiry

Guest- Provost Burns

Minutes – Christine Vandenhouten

1. Approve minutes from March 8, 2023 were approved by consensus.
2. Provost update (Kate Burns)
 - a. Awaiting final enrollment numbers
 - b. Tuition Increases- UWGB proposed an increase in tuition to UW System. UW system is capping all tuition differential increases (proposals) to a max of 6%. That means UWGB's increase would be \$7.75/credit resulting in an increase of \$1.1 Million. The Board of Regents will deliberate on this at their March meeting. The additional location tuition will be equalized to the main campus tuition level over a 4-year period.
 - c. Abstention votes in promotion meetings. Steve Meyer raised a concern at a previous meeting regarding use of abstention votes at promotion meetings. Kate consulted with Christopher Paquet regarding the practice of voting on promotion. The following verbiage was taken from the UWGB faculty handbook regarding secret ballots:
 - i. Secret ballots may not be taken at any review session, open or closed, and any member of the reviewing committee may require that a vote be taken in such manner that the vote of each member be ascertained and recorded.
3. SOFAS changes- The provost reviewed a revised Position Announcement for the SOFAS position and compensation. A Provost designee will present information about the position announcement at the March Faculty Senate meeting. The provost shared a previous draft document with the Staff committees last week.
 - a. Committee members expressed concerns regarding the compensation.
 - b. The provost will send a clean draft to include with the Faculty Senate Agenda.
4. Committee voting options; committee changes; senator responsibilities-
 - a. Steve Meyer suggested no business be carried over from one academic year to another.
 - b. Steve will talk with Clif Ganyard, UC chair for 2023-2024. He proposes that in the case of the personnel and Committee of Six, as well as the unit executive committee, only votes in the affirmative or negative be allowed except in conflicts of interest which the individual could recuse themselves.
5. Probationary students in online classes- Chris will ask the office of Institutional Research to run a query of the grades of probationary students in online courses. This will include data on probationary students earning a grade of D or F in online courses.
6. Institutional Ethics Committee- Devin shared an email he received.
7. Set agenda for March 29, 2023 Faculty Senate meeting

- a. Academic Excellence Symposium Announcement- recommend faculty attend.
 - b. Benefits Administration Transition- Melissa Nash asked if the UC wanted her to attend the Senate meeting to discuss this topic. The committee did not feel it was necessary as all faculty received the information from HR.
 - c. The draft agenda was set including presenting the latest version of the SOFAS (Faculty) position announcement updates.
8. Approve 2023-2024 UC/Faculty Senate Calendar- The draft calendar was discussed and approved.
9. Elect Speaker of the Senate for 2023-2024-will take place in May. The Deputy Speaker is elected at the September meeting.
10. Other