

University Committee Minutes of March 24, 2021

Present: Julie Wondergem (chair), Devin Bickner, Mark Klemp, Joan Groessl, Heidi Sherman, Aaron Weinschenk, Jon Shelton

Guests: Susan Machuca, Steve Meyer, Holly Keener, Kate Burns, Sherri Arendt, John Katers, Matt Dornbush

Minute-taker: Joan Groessl

Approval of minutes from the 3/10/21 meeting

Spring semester update (K. Burns)

Title and Total Compensation implementation targeted for November.

New federal guidelines on regular and substantive instruction. Regular-weekly contact. [Periodicity]. Substantive defined in variety of ways—direct instruction (synchronous or asynchronous), class discussions, feedback to students, responding to student questions. Work group has met to determine how can be complying to ensure offering substantive regardless of modality.

Follow-up from last meeting: Topic was of administrators hired with intention of promotion to rank. Will plan to readdress next week.

Water Science (J. Katers)

Water Sciences had been approved by the Board of Regents in 2019. Requesting to create as a general major. Curriculum substantially different than other degrees at UWGB or the system currently. Aligns with fresh water collaborative. Goal that courses will be transferable within the system. John outlined the benefits of the degree, partnership opportunities, and opportunity for growth. [Students are already being admitted to the degree.] Water Science had not had a governance structure-major was created and now the governance unit is being created.

Next Senate meeting is April 7. John will present there.

Heid made the motion, Mark seconded to approve Water Sciences major. Motion carried unanimously.

Comprehensive Program Review Report (J. Katers and C. Rybak)

Chuck was the primary author of the report. Thank you to committee members and chairs for the reports completed. Comprehensive Program Review was driven by UW System, final document must be submitted by May. Last review was 2006. Some more steps to take before submission. Hope to have a more efficient process for going forward. All program reviews were read by two committee members. Information compiled into a template. Align with new mission and student success.

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Review of report draft. Matched report to follow the template chairs responded to. Broad categories, some of which were determined by charge from system. Opportunities, challenges, needs, accomplishments, significant changes programs have undergone, forward-looking, demand (data provided centrally), diversity data. Internal and external collaborations, student success, alignment with mission. Report concludes with recommendations.

Report will be presented at the next Senate meeting and housed on a website (Provost's?) for public comment. Focus presentation.

Discussed option of overview at Senate and then having a forum to discuss more in-depth. (Web response was the proposed discussion format for input by the program review committee). This option could be considered if it was felt it was needed after Senate presentation.

Economics Reorganization (C. Rybak and M. Dornbush)

Moving econ major into the business school, initial proposal was by the econ faculty. Econ thrived when was connected to business in the past. New structure in business will provide opportunity for growth. Will be placed in economics and finance department.

Concern expressed relative to diversity of thought in economics (critical approaches) if housed in business school. Matt countered that conversely, allows another diverse perspective in business. Courses have been quite vigorous, opportunity for discussions about student success issues.

Jon moved, Heidi seconded for approving the economics reorganization. Motion carried unanimously.

Provost Search Committee Discussion

Asked to supply names by April 1, one from each college and two at large. Majority of work will be done over summer.

Names brought forward for committee: Jessica Van Slooten (Manitowoc), Dinesh Yadav (Theatre), Rebecca Nesvet (Humanities), Gaurav Bansal (Business), Brian Merkel (HUM BIO), Heidi Sherman (CAHSS)

Lecturers would fit under Academic Staff.

Names of potential representatives from colleges will be brought to next week's meeting for finalization of committee.

Liaison reports

Defer for this meeting

APPROVED
3/31/2020