

# University Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday September 29, 2018 3:00pm – 5:00pm CL735

Present: Courtney Sherman (Chair), Selena Deer, Mark Klemp, Jim Loebel, Ryan Martin, Rebecca Meacham, Steve Meyer (SOFAS), Lynn Niemi, Chuck Rybak (Dean), Jan Snyder, Gail Trimberger, and Kris Vespia.

- 1) **Welcome and Introductions-**
- 2) **Approval of Minutes-** Minutes of April 18, 2018 meeting were approved.
- 3) **Strategic Budget Committee Report-** Kris Vespia provided an overview of the budget meeting she recently attended describing the process so far. She indicated that the committee has been largely about budget status reporting so far and the UC discussed the value of having faculty involved in the process.
- 4) **Determine the UC's Liaison to the CWC-** Jim Loebel volunteered to be the liaison to the Committee on Workload and Compensation. The rest of the UC was thankful and wished him well.
- 5) **SOFAS Discussion of Upcoming Business-** Steve Meyer visited with us to discuss business the UC will likely be asked to consider in the upcoming months. Specifically, he discussed:
  - a. The possible new mission that has been proposed by Chancellor Miller.
  - b. The potential for increasing to a 24 credit teaching load.
  - c. The potential Human Development and Psychology merger.
  - d. The potential separation of Natural and Applied Sciences into two academic units.
  - e. The need for new members on the Academic Affairs Council and difficulty filling the needed positions.
  - f. Memorial resolutions, including one for Karen Dahlke. Lynn Niemi reported that a Memorial celebration is being planned for Karen--September 13, 4:00. Global Studies intends to name a \$300 travel scholarship after Karen.
  - g. As he does every year, Steve is reviewing the faculty handbook and is likely to bring to our attention various items that need updating, etc.
  - h. Jan Snyder reminded the group that members of University Staff committee will rotate attending our weekly UC meetings. Lynn Niemi said Academic Staff committee will do the same but they are taking the approach of one person attending the weekly UC meetings that lead up to the Senate meeting so they can watch the entire process. Then, they will switch to a new rep until the next Senate meeting, etc.
  - i. Procedure for writing and submitting minutes: Writer should send draft minutes (by Monday or so) to all who attended the actual meeting (excluding guests). Once feedback is received, Courtney will forward to the official list of required recipients (chairs of University and Academic staff, provost, sofas, chancellor, etc.)
- 6) **BFA in Writing and Applied Arts Request for Authorization-** Dean Rybak and Rebecca Meacham presented the Request for Authorization to implement a BFA in Writing and Applied Arts at UWGB. UC members offered questions and suggestions to clarify the proposal. Rebecca will resubmit the proposal in the new UW System format, and she and Chuck will present the first read at the September 12 Senate meeting.

Adjourned 4:50 pm

Respectfully Submitted: Ryan Martin

**Approved 9/5/18**

