

MINUTES

Approved 11/4/2015

University Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 21, 2015, 3:00 PM
CL 735 Conference Room

Present: John Lyon (Chair), Christine Style, Patricia Terry, Christine Vandenhouten, Kris Vespia, David Voelker, Josh Goldman (Academic Staff), Hannah Step (SGA), Amanda Wildenberg (University Staff)

The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:00 PM

- 1) The minutes for the 7 Oct. 2015 meeting were approved.
- 2) The Provost was unable to attend because of other commitments.
- 3) Discussion of old Senate business: Lyon noted that the Chancellor was meeting with some faculty members in order to determine what questions remained about the 4-college model, so that he could address them in a forthcoming document. Lyon also noted his intention to bring a resolution on the 4-College model to the November 11 Faculty Senate meeting for discussion and a (non-binding) vote. UC members also discussed the procedure for the approval of the merger of URS and PEA, which took place at the October 14 Senate meeting, noting that many Senate members abstained. Lyon clarified that the merger did not involve a code change and therefore did not require a second reading.
- 4) Discussion of resolution on concealed carry bill: Voelker presented the UC with a resolution that he had drafted (with input from several colleagues) in opposition to LRB-2653/1, which would allow citizens with a concealed-carry license to bring concealed weapons into university buildings. The UC revised the resolution with plans to introduce it at a special Faculty Senate meeting, to be held on October 28 at 3 PM (location TBD). The UC also agreed to introduce a similar resolution from the UW Colleges (brought to us by Vandenhouten from Holly Keener) for discussion and possible endorsement by the Senate.
- 5) Discuss code changes for the Graduate Studies Council. Lyon explained that the Graduate Studies Council has requested a reorganization in order to improve its efficiency. The reconfigured GSC would function much like the Academic Affairs Council. Lyon noted that this change will require extensive code revisions.
- 6) New Business: The UC discussed the plans for transitioning to a 24-credit load and annual performance reviews. Steve Meyer joined the meeting briefly near the end in order to plan for the October 28 Senate meeting. Meyer also reported that he would be attending the UW System Tenure Task Force meeting the following day.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by David Voelker