

Minutes

Meeting of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay University Committee

23 November 2011

3:00 pm, CL 750

Previous Meeting: 09 November 2011

Present:

Mike Draney (Chair)

Bryan Vescio

Derek S. Jeffreys

Ray Hutchison

Tim Kaufman

Heba Mohammad, Student Government Association Representative

1. Minutes. With minor corrections, the minutes of the 09 November 2011 University Committee meeting were approved.
2. Discussion of last Faculty Senate Meeting. UC members discussed the last Faculty Senate meeting. Some expressed disappointment that senators didn't more actively debate the Chancellor's Strategic Planning document.
3. Daycare Open Forum. Heba Mohammad and Tim Kaufman reported on the Daycare Open Forum recently held on campus. They described a general interest in developing a daycare facility on campus.
4. Informational updates. Chair Draney updated the UC on his meeting with Tom Maki. He reported that according to Maki, two faculty members already participate in budget planning. UC members suggested that members of the Faculty Senate Committee on Budget and Planning attend a UC meeting. Chair Draney also updated the UC on the budget lapse resolutions on other UW campus. Finally, he reported on the activities of the Branding committee.

Ray Hutchison arrived at the meeting.
5. Old Business. Chair Draney provided quick updates on the Joint Governance Project, the CCQ's inquiry, and the enrollment policy for on-line degree courses. Ray Hutchison asked about the importance of the Joint Governance Project. UC members agreed that it was largely completed. They also discussed the Merit Clarity Project. Several UC members expressed hope that UC would further clarify merit procedures.

6. New Business. The UC considered proposals to create new interdisciplinary units in the Arts. Members expressed concern that these proposals might reflect political infighting or personality clashes. Bryan Vescio argued that before approving the new units, the Faculty Senate should debate the meaning of interdisciplinarity. Tim Kaufman noted that the ACC often provides too little information about its approved curricular changes. UC members recommended that better communication develop between the AAC and the UC. They agreed that the UC should forward the proposed unit change proposals to the Faculty Senate. They also suggested that the Senate debate the definition of interdisciplinarity.

Other Business. The UC discussed proposed changes in code for Graduate Programs. It also considered a proposed change in Declaration of Major policy. Several UC members opposed the idea that students should declare a major early in their undergraduate career. Chair Draney asked whether the CWC should be included in the CCN annual interest survey. UC members approved of this idea, and Chair Draney agreed to recommend it to Cliff Abbott. Ray Hutchison closed the meeting by discussing writing and the first-year seminar. He proposed that writing tutors work closely with first-year seminars. Bryan Vescio suggested that Ray Hutchison discuss this idea with Brian Sutton.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Derek S. Jeffreys

Secretary pro tempore