

UWGB University Committee

Meeting Minutes 3-9-16

approved

Present: John Lyon, Andrew Austin, Christine Style, David Voelker, Christine Vandenhouten, Patricia Terry, Josh Goldman,

Meeting convened at 3 pm in CL 735.

1. **Minutes** from the Feb. 17, 2016 meeting were approved.

2. **Faculty Rep report:** Chris Vandenhouten updated the UC on recent advocacy efforts by faculty reps to amend the Board of Regent policies: 20-23 Faculty Tenure, 20-xx Procedures r/t financial emergency or program discontinuance requiring faculty layoff and termination, & 20-9 Periodic Post-tenure review in support of tenured faculty development. The Board of regents will vote on these at the March 10th meeting. Nick Sloboda (UW-Superior) Faculty Rep Chair and Geoffrey Peterson (Fac Rep UWEC) have been invited to present remarks prior to the board discussion and vote. This is an important milestone as faculty have not been invited to offer commentary prior to regent deliberations.

3. **Discussion on Chancellor's Message:** The UC discussed the presentation to the shared governance groups.

4. Faculty Status Requests:

The UC considered a request to grant faculty status to the following Social Work Instructional Academic Staff: Jennifer Schanen, Dana Strohm, & Nina Powell. The UC approved this unanimously.

5. **Code Change for Graduate Faculty Membership:** The UC discussed the request from M. Dornbush that the UC consider a proposed code change granting graduate faculty status; ex-officio (non-voting) for all faculty governance and curriculum issues to the Chancellor, Provost, Associate Provost, Director of Graduate Studies, Deans, Associate Deans, Directors and Associate Directors of Research Institutes, and curators of UWGB's Academic Museums and collections. *The UC asked that John Lyon ask M. Dornbush for clarification on the code change.*

6. **Teaching Workload Policy Discussion-** UC members discussed the Provost request that faculty workload be increased to 24 credits. Background: In Fall 15 Ray Cross asked that all campuses have a faculty workload policy. Provost Davis requested the UC develop a plan for how UWGB would move to a 24 credit teaching load. UC members have received reactions from faculty to the request. Concerns expressed include potential loss of independent study opportunities, intense nature of high impact practices that require greater time/work effort, and pedagogical innovation. Several people asked if we could have a general/broad statement vs. a detailed workload policy. *J. Lyon will ask Provost Davis about the format/expectations (detail) required of the teaching load policy.*

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Christine Vandenhouten

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