

## MINUTES

UW Green Bay University Committee  
10 November 2010

3:00 pm, Provost's Conference Room (CL 830 was being painted)

## Present:

Derek Bergman, Student Government Representative

Brent Blahnik, Academic Staff Representative

Dave Dolan

Mike Draney

Derek Jeffreys

Tim Kaufman

Illene Noppe, Chair

Brian Sutton

Previous Meeting

November 3, 2010

Guests: Heba Mohammad (SGA Representative starting Jan. 2011);  
Provost Julia Wallace; SOFAS Cliff Abbott.

1. The minutes of the 3 November 2010 meeting were approved by universal acclaim.
2. Meet with Provost Wallace
  - Discussion of proposed policy on a "Partner Friendly" University. Provost Wallace has met with a branding and consulting firm about fostering a "family friendly campus." She plans to take Noppe's draft policy to the Position Review Committee for their next meeting.
  - Search for new dean continues.
  - Project Win-Win. This is an initiative funded by Lumina Society, Institute for Higher Education Policy) intended to help students that did not graduate to attain an Associate Degree. This is part of the recent government push to get more graduates. She learned about this on a trip last week to Washington, D.C. The degree would be Associates Degree of Applied Arts and Sciences. They plan to include options to complete the requirements via online course offerings. Questions to resolve include whether there should be any time limit on courses taken, and how to deal with changes in curriculum requirements since the coursework was completed. Wallace suggested possibly placing an 8 year limit on when the last course was taken. She answered various UC questions: Student fees would be minimal; It does not affect students' ability to pursue future UW-Green Bay

degrees; Admissions will administer the pilot program with help from Outreach.

- Inclusive Excellence: A number of programs related to this theme will occur around the time of the spring Convocation, including a student retention summit.
- Joint Governance: Sutton updated Provost Wallace on our progress towards resolving issues with the Joint Governance proposal.
- Noppe asked Provost Wallace about the possibility of establishing a research Foundation for UW-Green Bay. Wallace asked the UC some clarifying questions and said she would look into it.
- Provost Wallace confirmed that she and the Chancellor do not intend to be present during next week's Open Forum on Unionization at Senate.
- Noppe asked about midnight classes, and Provost assured us there are no immediate plans for such!

### 3. Information and Updates (Noppe)

- Noppe is preparing for the visits of Peter Davis, Michael Coutley, and Julie Schmidt at next week's Senate meeting.
- Bergman mentioned that SGA is in process of drafting a resolution supporting the Research Commons initiative.

### Continuing Business

1. Policy on a "Partner Friendly" University. The UC considered a draft by Noppe. She explained how she drafted the policy, and also that having an email account gives a user library access, but that the number of email accounts does have budgetary implications. Doubtful that this would be an issue given the small number of partners we expect to take advantage of this. Qualifications for a Domestic Partnership are the same as those the UW system uses for Health Benefits.
  - Blahnik suggests we should get input from Human Resources (Sheryl Van Gruensven), computing (Kathy Pletcher), and legal council (Dan Spielmann).
  - We discussed whether Affirmative Action should be a concern in this case, and decided to deal with it to be on the safe side.
  - The UC decided NOT to include the UW-LaCrosse plan as an alternative at this time. Some members felt there are too many unresolved legal issues, and other members felt that it would complicate discussion of the proposed policy unnecessarily.
2. Student Bereavement Policy/Grief Absence Policy

- Bergman presented Purdue's draft policy to SGA, and they suggested he pursue it. It has been passed by Student Government at Purdue, but not yet approved by the Faculty. This issue will be on Monday's SGA agenda.
- We asked Noppe to find out if UW-Green Bay faculty have a Bereavement Leave policy.
- Jeffreys suggested that Purdue's policy (three days, plus additional leave time if distant travel is required) is somewhat "stingy" and others agreed. Jeffreys suggested perhaps one week would be more appropriate, and that it should be granted without regard to distance travelled.

### New Business

1. Next week's Senate Agenda (with SOFAS Abbott).
  - This will be a Joint Faculty-Staff meeting.
  - Phoenix rooms are unavailable; we decided to have it in Alumni A&B as usual.
  - New Business will consist of the usual Degree Granting resolution; and the M.S. Nursing proposal (presented by Dean D. Block). The UC is in agreement that it should be simply informational, a first reading. Abbott suggested that if someone moved to have it become an action item, it would need a 2/3 majority.
  - Most of the meeting will be devoted to Open Forum on Unionization. We hope to start no later than 3:45, and several members proposed limiting discussion on the Nursing Program to 20 minutes.
2. Dean D. Block requested that the UC change code to add LAS Dean (as ex officio) to the Graduate Faculty Board of Advisors. She noted that Dean Furlong has attended as a guest for some time and that his perspective has been very useful to the Board. This code change will come up before the Senate at the December Senate meeting.
3. Other. Jeffreys asked if Faculty will have any oversight in the granting of these AAS degrees? Other UC members were concerned about this as well. Kaufman pointed out that it is only a pilot program, but that we ought to have input if the program were to become permanent. Noppe agreed to ask Provost Wallace for additional information.

Adjourn 4:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael L. Draney (UC Secretary pro tempore)