

MINUTES  
UW Green Bay University Committee

Present:  
Steven Meyer (Chair)  
Illene Noppe  
Laura Riddle  
Meir Russ  
Brian Sutton  
Dean VonDras

21 January 2009  
9:00 am, CL 825

Previous Meeting:  
13 January 2009

Guests: Interim Provost William Laatsch,  
Secretary of Faculty and Academic Staff Cliff Abbott

- 1) The minutes of 13 January 2009 were approved with minor corrections.
- 2) Chair's Report:
  - a) Chair Steven Meyer reported that there had been no meeting of the Chancellor's Cabinet since the last meeting of the University Committee. The names of faculty members to serve on the Provost search committee have been forwarded to administration.
- 3) Continuing Business:
  - a) The University Committee reviewed code changes to the faculty handbook as compiled by Secretary of Faculty and Academic Staff Cliff Abbott. The changes are meant to remove extensive duplication in chapters 51 and 3, and would eliminate chapter 51 entirely. Professor Abbott will compile all recommended changes for a first reading at the next meeting of the Faculty Senate.
  - b) The University Committee has had the opportunity to review the Higher Learning Commission report and the response from former Chancellor Bruce Shepard. The Committee members agreed that the report should be shared with senators, the AAC, and other governance groups as appropriate. Interim Provost William Laatsch will facilitate making the document available electronically for dissemination. The UC noted that the HLC report requires follow up from UW-Green Bay in November 2011 on the implementation of the growth agenda. The Committee also noted that the primary concerns of the HLC team include the implementation of the growth agenda, faculty and staff work loads, and faculty-student ratio.
  - c) Task Force on Interdisciplinarity. Professor Noppe provided the Committee with a draft charge for the task force. Members of the University Committee agreed that it would be appropriate to add the comments of the HLC team that indicate the need for clarification on interdisciplinarity as a preamble to the charge.

- 4) Information Exchange with Interim Provost Laatsch:
  - a) Interim Provost Laatsch reviewed the timeline for the Provost search with the University Committee. He informed the UC that there is no news in regards to the State budget and its potential effect on the UW-System budget. The Provost was able to confirm that UW-Green Bay does indeed retain a smaller percentage of its tuition revenue than any of the other four-year campuses. The reason for this is unknown.
  
- 5) The UC was joined by SOFAS Cliff Abbott to discuss the Faculty Senate meeting scheduled for 28 January 2009. As there appeared to be no actionable items or the appropriate time to give senators the opportunity to review the HLC report and recommended code changes prior to the scheduled meeting, it was agreed that the first meeting of the Faculty Senate for the spring semester could be postponed until February.

With all eager to attend the spring convocation, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Riddle, secretary pro tempore