

MINUTES  
UW Green Bay University Committee

Present:  
Dean Von Dras (Chair)  
Steven Meyer  
Terence O'Grady  
Illene Noppe  
Kevin Roeder  
Previous commitment: Laura Riddle

9 January 2008  
2:15 pm, CL 825

Previous Meeting:  
5 December 2007

Dan McIver, Academic Staff Representative  
Guest: Provost Sue Hammersmith

- 1) The minutes of 5 December 2008 were approved with slight modifications
- 2) Information Exchange with Provost Sue Hammersmith
  - a) The Provost reported that she and Tom Maki will soon be meeting in Madison to acquire the budgetary details related to the growth agenda
  - b) Contract letters are still pending and may not be available until later this month. JOCER has indicated that it is still considering making an additional 1.5 % of salary funding available to faculty and teaching academic staff. If it is made available, it will be distributed on the basis of merit and marketing concerns, although the latter could involve a variety of academic areas.
  - c) Discussion next turned to the new sick leave reporting procedures which have been distributed to faculty. The Provost will also be distributing a Q & A sheet that will deal with a number of potential questions regarding the new procedures.
  - d) The Provost stated that for purposes of clarity and marketing, Academic Affairs is considering reverting to the use of two colleges to describe our academic structure, i.e., the College of Letters and Science and the College of Professional and Graduate Studies. The University Committee offered no objections to this proposal.
- 3) Continuing Business
  - a) The chair praised Professor Tim Meyer for the clarity of his report from the Senate Planning and Budget Committee at the last Senate meeting. While it is clear that more work remains to be done in terms of making the budgetary process transparent, a good beginning has been made.
  - b) Teaching evaluation. The UC continued to express reservations regarding the use of the Rutgers' evaluation form for the evaluation of faculty teaching. While the report of the assessment committee proposed a number of means of evaluating teaching, it appears that the emphasis may still fall on evaluation forms such as the CCQ or Rutgers' scale. Several members of the UC expressed the desire to have a mode of evaluation more clearly based on measuring the achievement of student learning outcomes. The UC will request that the Provost and Tim Sewall visit with us for further discussion on this matter.
- 4) New Business
  - a) Administrator Evaluation Committee. A number of potential nominees to the new administrative evaluation committee (AEC) were discussed. The Committee will begin its work this spring.

- b) Suggested changes to code in Chapter 54.03 A.5. Discussion at the last Senate meeting suggested that the majority of Senators were not eager to embrace the changes proposed by Tim Sewall in regard to aligning all majors and minors with interdisciplinary programs. However, if the suggested changes are not to be made, codification must be adjusted to the current reality. Therefore, a change to Chapter 54.03 A. 5, proposed by the Academic Affairs Council, eliminating the phrase *and the interdisciplinary units responsible for them* (i.e., all majors and minors) will be introduced as a first reading at the next Senate meeting.

The next UC meeting will be January 16 at 2:15 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terence O'Grady, secretary pro tempore