

MINUTES
UW Green Bay University Committee

Present: 01 February 2012
3:00 pm, CL 750

Dave Dolan

Mike Draney, Chair

Derek Jeffreys

Tim Kaufman

Bryan Vescio

Linda Parins, Academic Staff Representative

Previous Meeting

Heba Mohammad, Student Government Assoc. Representative

18 January 2012

Guest: Provost Julia Wallace

- 1) The minutes of the 18 January 2012 meeting were approved as drafted.
- 2) Informational Updates
 - a) Dave Dolan updated the UC on the Committee on Workload and Compensation (CWC). Chair Andrew Kersten will meet with the UC in February. The CWC expects to have its first resolution before the UC in March.
 - b) The UC discussed the Quality Initiative Project suggested by Cliff Abbott. The process by which projects are selected is of most interest to the UC. Chair Mike Draney will ask Provost Wallace about this process.
 - c) The UC discussed the results of the Faculty Senate meeting of 25 January 2012. Members were pleased with the outcome of the “merit clarity” code change (unanimous in favor of making the code consistent with UW-system code). However, the vote on the creation of a new interdisciplinary unit for Music caused some consternation because there were as many abstentions (nine) as there were votes in favor. Chair Draney will check Robert’s Rules to get the options for handling abstentions. Also, a greater effort will be made each academic year to educate new senators on the meaning and reasons for abstentions.
- 3) Chair Draney e-mailed Chancellor Harden about the Faculty Senate Planning and Budget Committee (SPBC). In response, the Chancellor agreed to consider a list of names suggested by the UC for membership on the Chancellor’s Council on Planning and Budget. The names will likely be the current members of the SPBC.
- 4) Three Joint Governance Committees were discussed. The Joint Committee on Legislative Affairs has a new charge that has been approved. The Library and Instructional Technology Committee were to meet Friday (03 February) to discuss their charge. The Awards and Recognition Committee did vote to become a joint committee with no change to their charge. A question arose about equal representation by faculty

and academic staff on these committees. Chair Draney will e-mail the chairs of these committees to find out about representation. Linda Parins will contact academic staff members on the committees.

5) Laurel Phoenix requested that the UC reconsider the Student Bereavement Policy for shorter courses (e.g., January Interim classes or four-week summer classes). For these classes a week out of class is one-third to one quarter of the course. The Dean of Students agrees that this policy needs to be clarified. Chair Draney will draft a policy which may just include late drops for these shorter courses.

6) Cliff Abbott's proposal for a series of Faculty Debates was then discussed. The UC supports the idea of these debates; however, it is not in the UC's charge to conduct them.

7) The Provost met with the UC and informed the UC that she has asked Cliff Abbott to continue as Secretary of the Faculty for another three years. The Provost also gave an update on the Accreditation Policy Initiative. There are no faculty on the Provost's Administrative Council; however, volunteers from the various units will be sought to form teams to assess the various outcomes. These teams will have conversation and dialogue about outcomes such as the equity scorecard and they will receive a stipend. The Provost also stated that the Adult Degree Enrollment Policy was not a curricular matter and she would present the policy to the Faculty Senate as an information item at the February meeting.

The UC meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Dolan
Secretary pro tempore