

MINUTES  
UW Green Bay University Committee

Present:	13 February 2008
Dean Von Dras (Chair)	3:15 p.m., CL 825
Terence O'Grady	
Steven Meyer	Previous Meeting:
Illene Noppe	31 January 2008
Laura Riddle	
Kevin Roeder	
Ricky Staley (Student Government Representative)	

Guests: Provost Sue K. Hammersmith; Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff  
Cliff Abbott

- 1) The minutes of the 31 January 2008 meeting were approved.
- 2) Information Exchange with Provost Sue Hammersmith
  - a) International Experience. Initial discussion revolved around the Chancellor's idea of the "International Experience." The UC expressed concern from a number of perspectives, not the least of which was that this would be an unfunded mandate. The Provost reiterated that this was just an idea at this point and if it moves forward it would take a lot of planning. However, the Provost mentioned that she was going to approach the Instructional Development Council to see if there is any interest in using the "International Experience" as the theme for the Faculty Development Conference hosted by UW-Green Bay each January.
  - b) Fourteen-week Semester. The Provost happily reported that our move to a 14-week semester starting next fall would result in a Common Meeting Time. Most faculty will have 3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. open such that the campus community could gather together. The Provost suggested that perhaps the first Monday of each month would be reserved for a campus wide gathering and the third Monday of each month would be reserved for departmental gatherings.
  - c) Resuming the use of the term "Colleges." The Provost reported that the current "Budget Divisions" at UW-Green Bay may soon be referred to as "Colleges." So we may soon have a College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and a College of Professional Programs.
  - d) Wisconsin Connections Program. The Provost spoke of the agreement between UW-Madison and UW-Green Bay that would have UW-Green Bay accepting some of the students who applied to UW-Madison but couldn't get in due to lack of room. After two years at UW-Green Bay, these students would be guaranteed acceptance into UW-Madison, assuming they had a minimum GPA of 2.0 and had accumulated 54 credit hours. Some of the concerns the UC expressed regarding this issue included the possibility of UW-Green Bay being a "feeder" school for UW-Madison and the possibility that we would be forced to teach more general education sections at the expense of our upper-division courses. On the positive side, the UC also recognized that potentially this is a pool of stronger students who may decide to stay at UW-Green Bay beyond their two years here.

- e) Growth Agenda Consultation with Michael Dolence. The Provost reported on the recent meetings that took place with consultant Michael Dolence as we prepared to grow the institution through the Growth Agenda. Initial talks focused on the impacts to our curriculum when you become a larger institution. These talks included (among others) the Academic Affairs Planning Committee, the unit chairs, Student Affairs, and Education/Outreach.
- 3) Continuing Business
- a) Issues of Concern for Faculty Senate Planning and Budget Committee. The FSPBC had not met recently so there was nothing to discuss.
  - b) New Directions in the Program Review Process. This item was tabled due to lack of time.
  - c) Continued Discussion of Changes to Code in Chapter 54.03 A.5 and 53.10. The UC revisited the changes to code in Chapter 54.03 A.5 suggested by the AAC; i.e., the deletion of the last seven words of that particular piece of code. With a clearer understanding of their intent (indeed it is not the responsibility of the AAC to determine the Interdisciplinary Units responsible for the “approved academic programs (including majors, minors, emphases, graduate programs, and certificate programs”), the UC agreed with the AAC’s suggestion and endorsed the deletion of the last seven words in that code.
- 4) New Business
- a) Faculty International Experience/Exchange. This issue was covered during the Provost exchange (see item 2a).
  - b) Policy on Academic Standing. This item was tabled due to lack of time.
  - c) Faculty Response to HLC Recommendations. A common thread throughout our discussion was the need to reduce the teacher-student ratio. In particular, the faculty need a stronger voice in the determination of class size in order to increase engagement.
  - d) Other items. The agenda for the Faculty Senate meeting of February 20, 2008, was set.

The next UC meeting will be February 27 at 3:15 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Meyer, secretary pro tempore