

MINUTES
UW Green Bay University Committee
2 February 2011

3:00 pm, CL 830

Present:

Heba Mohammad, Student Government Representative

Brent Blahnik, Academic Staff Representative

Dave Dolan

Mike Draney

Derek Jeffreys

Illene Noppe, Chair

Brian Sutton

Excused: Tim Kaufman

Previous Meeting: 18 January 2011

Guest: Provost Julia Wallace.

1. The minutes of the 18 January 2011 meeting were approved by universal acclaim.
2. Meet with Provost Wallace
 - After two failed searches, we are suspending the search for a Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. In the interim, the Dean of Students will report to the Chancellor (in addition to the Provost) and also report to the Chancellor's Cabinet on a monthly basis.
 - Searches are proceeding for Dean of Professional Studies and for Assistant Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs.
 - The Academic Forgiveness Policy (approved by Faculty Senate last May) is bearing fruit. In Fall 2010, seven students made use of the provision. Their pre-forgiveness GPA's averaged about 1.3, and their Fall 2010 GPA's averaged an astonishing 3.76.
 - Noppe asked about the pressure to get semester grades in on time, and Provost Wallace states that Financial Aid considerations are paramount, and that students can be negatively affected by late grade posting, but did not have specifics at hand.
3. Information and Updates (Noppe)
 - Chancellor's Cabinet Meeting (1 Feb. 2011): The Chancellor spoke for most of the meeting on Strategic Planning. He wants

to proceed to an action plan, with Units giving input by 29 April; a campus-wide draft by September; a revision of that by 4 November, and the plan finalized by 15 November 2011.

Continuing Business

1. Policy on a "Partner Friendly" University. The UC made slight modifications of Noppe's revised policy, which takes into account some objections by Senators, and specifies more precisely which units are involved in various stages of the approval process, and qualifies the policy by noting that office space will be provided on an as-available basis.
2. Student Bereavement Policy.
 - Noppe is trying to get clarification on the financial implications of taking semester leaves of absence. Since it is dependent on the specific aid package terms, we may simply add a caveat to the effect of "before a student takes a semester leave of absence, they should explore the financial implications of this leave."
 - Sutton asked about the possibility of pre-death leave, and Noppe (who is an expert in thanatology) stated that this would be very difficult to implement due to the infinite variety of health situations possible. We decided not to pursue that angle.

New Business

1. Noppe informs us that Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow (having been possibly frozen into his burrow, we speculate) and so spring is predicted to arrive early (i.e., May not June).
2. We need to elect UC Chair and Faculty Representative for next year. Four of us (Draney, Jeffreys, Dolan, and Kaufman) are returning and thus eligible. Discussion was tabled due to Kaufman's absence. Draney indicated he may be willing to serve as UC Chair, and Jeffreys would consider serving as Faculty Rep, especially if the position included any compensation. Noppe will ask the Provost about this possibility, and Draney will start an email discussion among the "four guys" to see if we can work something out.
3. Collective bargaining. Union election authorization cards are scheduled to be dropped tomorrow! We are trying to meet a 14 Feb. deadline to file for election, so the election can be held (after an 80 day waiting period) this semester. TAUWP stated that they are not seeking a Senate Resolution on unionization, and instead suggested visits to the Senate by people in long-unionized campuses, like U. Minnesota. Some UC members expressed reservations, stating it might appear that we are unduly biased since there is no presentation by

"anti" people. Jeffrey suggested we ask "anti" people at UWGB (in Business?) to state their case at a Senate meeting. Dolan suggested we wait until after the election for that.

4. Dean of Professional Studies Candidates. We met with the first candidate (Dr. Gayle Kearns) today, and decided that since it went well, and since we did not ask her a specific list of questions, we will continue the free-form meeting for the remaining candidates. Then we reviewed the present candidate's strengths and weaknesses. We were favorably impressed with this candidate. The UC may decide to give group feedback instead of individual feedback, but this has not been formally decided as yet.
5. Graduate Programs Code changes. These changes were suggested by Cliff Abbott, and are primarily about simplifying and creating a more rational course approval process. Noppe will ask Cliff if he approves of us waiting until the new Dean of Professional studies is hired before tackling this issue.
6. Other
 - Sutton: SGA will vote on Bereavement Policy next week.
 - Sutton asked Mohammad if she would be willing to report on SGA activity to the Senate on an as-needed basis, and she agreed to do that.
 - We had a brief discussion of Senator's desire to address Day Care on campus. We quickly concluded that this issue is very thorny and resource intensive, and decided not to pursue it very far at this time in the afternoon.

Adjourn 5:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael L. Draney (UC Secretary pro tempore)