

MINUTES
UW Green Bay University Committee

Present:
Scott Furlong (Chair)
Terence O'Grady
Donna Ritch
Chris Style
Dean Von Dras
Kevin Roeder
Paula Ganyard (Academic Staff Representative)

21 February 2007
3:15 pm, CL 825

Previous meeting:
7 February 2007

Guest: Provost Sue Hammersmith

- 1) The minutes of 7 February 2007 were approved.
- 2) Information Exchange with Provost Sue Hammersmith
 - a) The initial response to the proposed BAS degree at the recent Senate meeting was discussed. There was general agreement that many of the objections seemed to be centered on the similarity between the degree designation (BAS) and other degrees we currently offer, e.g., B.S., although there were other objections as well, focusing on a perceived absence of rigor.
 - b) It is not clear at this point whether the code revisions to 53.11, passed in the Senate meeting, will have to go to UW System for approval. Legal counsels are currently reviewing the matter.
 - c) Regarding the General Education requirements passed by the Senate, the Provost foresees difficulties in both the substance and implementation of the new program.
- 3) Continuing Business
 - a) Calendar Implementation Committee. The Associate Provost has asked the UC to propose a Governance representative for the Calendar Implementation Committee. Professor Ritch agreed to take on the responsibility.
 - b) Dean Search. The current dean search was discussed with a focus of guaranteeing that there would be adequate UC representation for the upcoming interviews.
 - c) Code changes. Possible code changes involving the responsibilities of the AAC were discussed. This would involve establishing an appeal process for negative recommendations by the AAC relating to program changes, new course requests, etc. Members of the UC agreed that an appeal process will lead to a better balance between the interests of the faculty governance groups initiating the changes and the AAC, which has the authority to recommend approval of these changes. We will proceed to craft language for a proposed codification change along these lines.
 - d) Administrator Evaluation process. A meeting regarding the new administrator evaluation process is scheduled for this Friday. Professors O'Grady and Von Dras will update the UC on any progress made.
 - e) Criminal background checks. The process of formulating a UW-Green Bay policy for this continues. Any proposed changes in our policy will be submitted to the UC for consideration before being formally adopted.
 - f) Privileges of Emeriti Faculty. Since changing circumstances (particularly in regard to space availability) may require a change in the guidelines regarding the privileges of Emeriti faculty, Professor Roeder has agreed to investigate the situation at other comparable campuses and make a preliminary report on possible changes to our policy.
 - g) The Sick Leave Policy/Colleague Coverage that the Regents are looking into was discussed. Various groups and task forces are working on various aspects of this policy system-wide and a better and more precise reporting of the uses of colleague coverage will probably be one of the results.

4) New Business

a) Elimination of Student Affairs Committee

The Committee on Committees and Nominations has recommended the elimination of the Student Affairs Committee based on the relative inactivity of the group and the fact that the committee itself has recommended its dissolution. Various members of the UC noted that one of the committee's most important functions, the hearing of appeals from students regarding residency status, usually involves a quasi-legal determination that might be better dealt with through an ad hoc committee constituted by the Dean of Students. There was some concern expressed by members that, if the committee were dissolved, there would be no faculty body assigned to act as "representative and advocacy body for the concerns of special student populations." The point was made by one UC member that this function had not, in fact, been fulfilled by the Student Affairs Committee and there were other university offices that were assigned to take on that function. Nevertheless, it was agreed that the UC should consult with Dean of Students Sue Keihn before recommending any further action on this matter.

The next UC meeting will be February 28 at 3:15 p.m. in CL825.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Terence O'Grady, secretary pro tempore