

MINUTES
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay University Committee

Present:	24 February 2010
Dave Dolan	3:00 pm, CL 825
Mike Draney	
Tim Kaufman	
Illene Noppe	
Laura Riddle	Previous Meeting:
Brian Sutton (Chair)	10 February 2010

Guests: Julia Wallace, Provost; Scott Furlong, Dean, LAS; Donna Ritch, Associate Dean, LAS; Katrina Hrivnak, Academic Staff Representative; Megan Loritz, Student Government Representative.

1) The minutes of the meeting of 10 February 2010 were not yet available.

2) Continuing Business:

a) Faculty Status Recommendation for James Hatlak: The UC had previously requested the CV for James Hatlak who is seeking faculty status as an instructor in Information and Computing Sciences. The CV was provided by Prof. Sutton and after due consideration, Prof. Kaufman moved that James Hatlak be granted faculty status. Prof. Riddle seconded the motion which then carried unanimously.

b) State of Wisconsin disinvestment in the UW System: The UC discussed the question of where to send the letter that Prof. Sutton had prepared on the Disinvestment issue. Suggestions for addressees included: UW-System President Riley, the Board of Regents, Governor Doyle, and local members of the State Legislature. Prof. Sutton will contact Dan Spielmann for further suggestions.

c) Interdisciplinary Task Force: Prof. Entwistle had requested advice from the UC about whether there should be replacements for two committee members who have dropped out. One member has retired and the other member, Prof. Austin is unavailable for the Spring Semester. Since the work of the task force is near completion (projected to be finished by the end of Fall Semester) and since Prof. Austin will continue with the task force after this (Spring) term, the decision was made for the task force to complete its work with the reduced membership and not add new members. Prof. Sutton will request that Prof. Entwistle make a report to the Faculty Senate before the end of the academic year.

d) Proposal that UWGB graduates' transcripts include a listing of the average GPA for all students in that major (proposed by Peter Breznay): The UC decided to ask for a revised proposal from Peter Breznay on this issue and include it on the agenda of the next Faculty Senate meeting.

3) Discussion with Dean Furlong and Associate Dean Ritch regarding possibility of honors program at UWGB:

Prof. Noppe introduced the topic of starting an Honors program. She had met previously with Dean Furlong and Associate Dean Ritch. The list of "Ideas for Honors Program" was one result of this meeting but clear direction from the University is needed when resources for so many programs are stressed. Dean Furlong has discussed the possibility of an honors program with the Provost and Dean Block noting that there are many options that could be pulled together to form a program but most of them would compete for resources with other ideas for other programs. He suggested that the UC needs to take up the issue so that there would be a formalized faculty voice in favor of an Honors program. Prof. Noppe asked whether this could be a Strategic Planning Theme (SPT) and Dean Furlong replied that making the issue an SPT or fitting it into an SPT involving enrollment was a good idea. Prof. Riddle pointed out that an Honors program would positively impact retention of high quality students which will likely be an SPT or part of one. Dean Furlong thought that the structural details could be worked out but noted that a proposal from the faculty was needed. Prof. Noppe was in favor of the creation of a Task Force to draft the proposal. The UC will take the issue to the Faculty Senate.

4) New Business:

a) Policy on Use of Credit from Prior Learning as Residency Credit (from AAC): Prof. Sutton distributed a proposal and rationale from the AAC. Prof. Draney moved that the proposal be endorsed by the UC and placed on the agenda of the Faculty Senate. Prof. Kaufman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

b) Scheduling Faculty Senate Meetings for 2010-2011 (with Cliff Abbott): SOFAS Abbott distributed a schedule of Faculty Senate meeting for Academic Year 2010-2011 that is very similar to the current schedule. The UC felt that it was a reasonable schedule and agreed to accept it.

c) Difficulties involving new Academic Calendar as it relates to the Administrative Calendar (from Arts & Visual Design): Prof. Sutton distributed an e-mail from Prof. Grosso requesting that the UC examine the current Administrative calendar as it correspond to the new academic calendar. The main issue is that the current administrative calendar requires merit reviews for new faculty by the end on the first week of spring semester classes and with the semester starting later, the deadline is no longer realistic. The UC thought that there should be no problem with better synchronization of the two calendars and brought up the issue with the Provost. The UC expects the matter to be resolved shortly.

d) Collective Bargaining Resolution (Dolan/Draney): Profs. Dolan and Draney are considering a resolution in support of Collective Bargaining for the UWGB faculty and staff. They expect to have something later this spring.

e) Resolution to Discontinue Senate Committee on Planning and Budget: Prof. Sutton distributed a resolution to discontinue this committee at the beginning of the 2010-2011 Academic Year. The UC concurred with adding this resolution to the agenda for the next Faculty Senate meeting.

5) Discussion with Provost Wallace: The Provost spoke of the upcoming June meeting with the Board of Regents on Academic Planning. She noted that this was an opportunity to show what we do as it relates to our mission (Connecting Learning to Life) and asked for examples from faculty that she could highlight in the meeting. Prof. Sutton mentioned that at his recent meeting in Madison with UW-System Faculty Representatives there was discussion of the problem of trying to produce more graduates without more resources. The Provost responded that UW-System is asking for information regarding two scenarios: what could we do with zero increase in resources?; and what could we do with more resources by 2025? The concern is that if we promise more graduates with no increase in resources that we will be held to it. The UC also discussed the resolution on discontinuing the Senate Committee on Planning and Budget to make sure it did not conflict with the Provost's plans. It was felt that a broader way of obtaining faculty input on the budget (such as inclusion within an Strategic Planning Theme) was needed.

6) Informational update about UW-System Faculty Representatives' Meeting Feb. 19 (Sutton) Prof. Sutton reported on his recent meeting with UW-System Faculty Representatives. The representatives are viewing the growth agenda as an unfunded mandate. He distributed excerpts from the draft document *Growth Agenda for Wisconsin* from UW-System. He also mentioned a concern about 2-year campuses hiring faculty from 4-year campuses and that an agreement is needed on this topic. Prof. Sutton also discussed the issue of differential tuition both between universities and within a university. He also described the role of the Competitive University Workforce Commission which has the goal to make the UW system more competitive with other states.

The meeting adjourned at 4:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Dolan
Secretary Pro Tempore