

MINUTES
UW Green Bay University Committee

Present:

Dean VonDras (Chair)

Steven Meyer

Illene Noppe

Terence O'Grady

Laura Riddle

Kevin Roeder

Dan McIver (Academic Staff Representative)

27 February 2008

3:15 pm, CL825

Previous Meeting:

13 February 2008

Guest: Tom Maki, Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance

1) The minutes of 13 February 2008 were approved.

2) Faculty Senate Budget and Planning Committee:

We will consider the issues of this committee at a later meeting when more is known about the committee's difficulties in accommodating to the UC's requests.

2) Information Exchange with Vice Chancellor Maki:

We discussed proposals for use of the Chancellor's 10% of Pay Plan. Professor VonDras presented the thoughts behind the UC proposal that involved the factors of equity, faculty morale, and faculty retention. We all were in agreement that the pay increases should not be spread so thin as to be token gestures. It was decided that Debbie Furlong, the Director of Institutional Research, would be invited to our next meeting to clarify the data presented on the faculty salary review.

3) Academic Program Review Process:

A thoughtful discussion about possible revisions of the program review process led to agreement that program reviews needed to be shorter with a longer review cycle. UC members emphasized that the program review should not be considered the venue for making funding requests. In addition, a number of ideas proposed suggested that program reviews include:

- addressing issues brought forth by institutional assessment.
- a vision for the future of the program.
- the highlighting of accomplishments.
- a communicative function, and thus be posted on the SOFAS website.
- the expectation of a focused response from the AAC and Dean.

4) International Education

The UC supports initiatives for international education and looks forward to continued development in this area with adequate levels of funding.

5) Higher Learning Commission

Recommendations will be further discussed during our information exchange with Provost Hammersmith at our next meeting.

6) Issues of Academic Standing

Professor Riddle informed the UC that program chairs no longer automatically receive lists of students who are experiencing academic difficulties. Furthermore, students who retain an overall GPA of 2.0, but who fall below that number from semester to semester no longer have this indicated on their transcripts, nor are they flagged for attention. Concerned with the issue of retention and proper academic advising, Professor Riddle suggested that the procedure of generating a list of students falling below a 2.0 GPA per semester be reinstated. UC members agreed that it was appropriate to speak to the Provost about requesting that these reports be generated for program chairs.

7) Administrative Evaluation Committee (AEC)

Discussion regarding questions raised by SOFAS Abbott proceeded, and it was decided that members of the AEC be requested to join us at our next meeting as the process and procedures of administrative evaluation are developed.

8) All good things must come to an end. And thus, we adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

The next UC meeting will be March 5, 2008, at 3:15 p.m. in CL 825.

Respectfully submitted,

Illene C. Noppe, secretary pro tempore