Present:
Forrest Baulieu         8 February 2006
Gregory Davis          3:00 p.m., CL825
Sally Dresdow, chair
Terrence O'Grady         Previous Meeting
Christine Style
Lucy Arendt, Academic Staff Representative

Guests: Provost Sue K. Hammersmith; Ken Fleurant, Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff

1. Minutes from the 1 February 2006 University Committee (UC) meeting were approved as distributed.

2. Provost Hammersmith joined us for an information exchange. Discussion focused on the LAS Dean search and in particular on revisions on the position description and announcement for the position.

   Toward the end of the meeting, Provost Hammersmith returned with copies of the position announcement and description revised based on discussion earlier in the meeting. After additional discussion, UC members endorsed the documents – 4 in favor, 0 against, with 1 abstention.

3. Continuing business
   a. A slightly revised version of a proposed policy regarding procedures to be followed in response to student complaints made against faculty members was discussed. The proposed policy will be presented to the Faculty Senate on 15 February.

   b. A proposal for code changes to UWGB 3.08 and 3.09 was discussed. The proposed changes would ensure that faculty members would receive written notification of recommendations, and reasons for such, in conjunction with their personnel reviews in a timely fashion. It was expected that this proposal would also be presented to the Faculty Senate on 15 February.

   c. A limited discussion took place related to alternate instructional schedules. The discussion focused on the merit of 14 vs. 15 week schedules; the number of two-day-a-week instructional slots; the ability to schedule a common meeting time; and potential difficulties that would arise if scheduling exceptions were (not) allowed – such as scheduling of courses across several time-slots.

4. New business
   a. The newly proposed UW System Chapter 7 Procedures for Dismissal of Faculty in Special Cases was discussed. Chair Dresdow indicated that the proposal will be brought to the Board of Regents for the first time on 10 February and that feedback from the individual campuses on the proposal may be needed by late March. She also informed the UC that faculty representatives from other UW campuses believe that this proposal is moving much too quickly and without enough involvement with shared governance. The proposal will be introduced to the Faculty Senate on 15 February.
b. The agenda for the 15 February Faculty Senate Meeting was completed in consultation with Ken Fleurant.

5. Finally, UC members took part in preliminary discussion of a report from Faculty Senate Budget and Planning Committee. The discussion is planned to resume during the next UC meeting.

6. The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Greg Davis, Secretary pro Tempore