

MINUTES
UW-Green Bay University Committee

Present:

Forrest Baulieu
Gregory Davis
Sally Dresdow, chair
Scott Furlong
Christine Style
Lucy Arendt, Academic Staff Representative

5 April 2006
3:00 p.m., CL 825

Previous Meeting
29 March 2006

Absent: Terry O'Grady

Guests: Regan Gurung, Provost Hammersmith, Kumar Kangayappan, Brian Sutton

1. Minutes from the 29 March 2006 University Committee (UC) meeting were approved with minor changes.
2. Provost Hammersmith joined the UC for an information exchange. Members of the UC were notified that there would be a news conference put on by the Technical College System just prior to the Board of Regents meeting. The content of the news conference was not known at this time. Discussion then turned to the position description for Secretary of Faculty and Academic Staff – in particular what duties and responsibilities would be expected of that position.
3. New business
 - a. R. Gurung, B. Sutton, and K. Kangayappan joined the UC for a discussion on proposed changes to the General Education Program. The discussion focused on two issues:
 - i. The formation of Domain Committees: These committees would work in conjunction with the General Education Council (GEC) to broaden faculty participation in development, oversight, and assessment of the General Education Program. It was recognized that there would need to be strong connections between the Domain Committees and the GEC. While there were some concerns that the committees would be able to do what is proposed, there was general support by the UC for the formation of these committees.
 - ii. The four General Education Program plans proposed by the GEC: Each plan was described briefly. Some discussion took place with regard to the number of credits required in the Natural Science portion of the General Education Program. Discussion also took place related to the possibility of having multiple ways for students to satisfy General Education requirements.
 - b. Dates for Faculty Senate meetings during the 2006-2007 academic year were set.

4. Continuing business
 - a. UC members determined that they would need more clarification from Provost Hammersmith with regard to duties and responsibilities of the SOFAS office prior to offering additional input on the SOFAS position description.
 - b. UC members discussed proposed questions for the evaluation of administrators. Arendt reported that members of the Academic Staff Committee were not comfortable with evaluation of administrators based on anonymous survey results – they would be more in favor of one-on-one meetings with the administrators. Their rationale was that the survey method may not be best for opening lines of communication and for the development of administrators. Additionally, they were concerned about negative information from the survey going to the press. On the other hand, some UC members were in favor of a survey and indicated that some faculty members (especially within the non-tenured group) might not be willing to raise concerns and provide input otherwise.

5. The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Gregory Davis, Secretary pro Tempore