

MINUTES  
UW Green Bay University Committee

Present:

Forrest Baulieu

Greg Davis

Sally Dresdow (Chair)

Scott Furlong

Terence O'Grady

Christine Style

Lucy Arendt, Academic Staff Representative

17 May 2006

9:30 pm CL 828

Previous meeting:

3 May 2006

Guests: 2006-07 UC members Donna Ritch and Dean Von Dras

- 1) The minutes of 3 May 2006 were approved.
- 2) There was no Information Exchange with Provost Hammersmith this week.
- 3) Continuing Business
  - a) The Committee returned to the issue of interpretation of code as regards the "advisory" status of the Academic Affairs Council. It was noted that there are two interpretations, both long-standing, the first being that the AAC's role is literally advisory to the Provost, and that its recommendations are not binding. The second interpretation is that, as Faculty (not Administration) have jurisdiction over curriculum, and as the AAC represents the Faculty in such matters, an "approval" by the AAC is required before forwarding a recommendation regarding curriculum to the Provost. The Committee had followed the former interpretation in response to a recent action that had prompted a request for code interpretation by the Chair of the AAC. Since that time, the Chair of the University Committee polled the faculty representatives from the other UW comprehensives, and found that is almost every one, their equivalent to our AAC had final say in such curricular matters.

Considering the development of a Curriculum Handbook under consideration in the Faculty Senate, the UC decided to bring this question of code interpretation to the Faculty Senate early in fall for resolution, and the Senate's decision will be incorporated into the Curriculum Handbook.

b) SOFAS position

There have been four nominees for the SOFAS position. The UC will set meeting times for interviews.

The UC continued discussion of concerns regarding the position description in regard to personnel functions. The Provost has expressed a need for "executive files" for her use. These files would contain general employment information that would not circulate and would likely be maintained by Human Resources. The Provost has not yet provided written clarification of precisely what types of information would be included in this file.

It was noted that by statute, the faculty is responsible for faculty personnel issues and the creation of this “executive file” should not be used for the personnel issues such as tenure and merit reviews that are the purview of the faculty. These files will continue to be maintained by the SOFAS and the rules governing access to these files and the entry of information into these files will be the same.

It was further noted that the SOFAS needs to maintain a level of independence from Administration. It is to the SOFAS that Faculty (and Academic Staff) should be able to go to with questions regarding their personnel files and issues.

- c) A list of candidates to serve on the LAS Dean's Search Committee was compiled.
- 4) New Business
- b) A list of nominations for replacement members for the Committee on Rights and Responsibilities was compiled.
- 5) Other Incidentals
- a) Administrative Evaluations are progressing well.
  - b) A proposal for a Campus Community-Building Council was discussed, and suggestions made. Lucy Arendt will bring back a revised charge to our next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Forrest Baulieu, Secretary pro tempore