

MINUTES
UW Green Bay University Committee

Present:

Forrest Baulieu
Sally Dresdow (Chair)
Scott Furlong
Terence O'Grady
Christine Style

3 May 2006
3:00 pm CL 825

Previous meeting:
26 April 2006

Lucy Arendt, Academic Staff Representative

Guest: Provost Sue Hammersmith

- 1) The minutes of 26 April were approved with slight modifications.
- 2) Information Exchange with Provost Hammersmith
 - a) The controversy surrounding a recent grievance and the UC's role in it was discussed. The UC reaffirmed the fact that procedures are in place to deal with this matter (i.e., appeal to the Rights and Responsibilities Committee). Any evaluative statements from UC members concerning the substance of the issue at hand would be inappropriate.
 - b) The Provost indicated that the Chancellor wishes to have a formal policy regarding methods of evaluating administrators formulated and reviewed by the Senate.
- 3) Continuing business
 - a) Curriculum Handbook
The UC wishes to pilot test the procedures outlined in the new curriculum handbook beginning in fall 2007 with the understanding that further changes to the document may be necessary.
 - b) The proposed First Nations Major will be discussed at the next Senate meeting. The fact that concerns raised by the AAC in its review of the proposed new major do not seem to have been addressed will likely be a topic of conversation at that Senate meeting.
 - c) The UC agreed to bring to the Faculty Senate a proposed change to UWGB 3.09.3 for the purpose of bring UWGB code more into alignment with UWS 3.07.
 - d) SOFAS position
Outgoing Secretary of Faculty and Academic Staff Ken Fleurant discussed with the UC possible problems stemming from the proposed changes in the SOFAS position description, e.g., the fact that some important personnel responsibilities would be taken away from the SOFAS under the new description. Professor Fleurant believes that these changes might well have serious ramifications and that any changes must be given

extensive study before they are made permanent. While Professor Fleurant understands that some of these changes may have been prompted by budget cuts and changes in personnel, he nevertheless believes that some of the SOFAS' most important personnel duties may be lost in the changes and no one will be available to take the role originally assigned to the SOFAS in such matters. Concern was expressed that these changes may have serious ramifications in the area of faculty/staff governance. The UC agreed to discuss the matter further before changes in the job description are made permanent.

e) The Senate agenda for May 10 was established in conjunction with Professor Fleurant.

f) The UC expressed support of the proposed new campus-wide committee for community building. The establishment of this committee was proposed by the Academic Staff Committee.

The next UC meeting will be May 17 at 1:00 p.m..

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terence O'Grady, secretary pro tempore