

MINUTES
UW Green Bay University Committee

Present:

Dean VonDras (Chair)

Terence O'Grady

Steven Meyer

Illene Noppe

Laura Riddle

Kevin Roeder

Ricky Staley (Student Government Association representative)

7 May 2008
3:15 pm, CL 825

Previous Meeting:
30 April 2008

Guests: Provost Sue K. Hammersmith, Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff Cliff Abbott

1) The minutes of 30 April 2008 were approved.

2) Information Exchange with Provost Hammersmith

The Provost briefly discussed the recent appointments of Prof. William Laatsch as Interim Provost and David Ward as Interim Chancellor. Regarding Prof. Laatsch, who will assume his new position in the middle of June, the Provost expressed her great pleasure at his acceptance of the position. Because of his considerable experience, knowledge and his productive relationships with faculty, academic staff, and community members alike, Prof. Laatsch will make an excellent contribution to the university. Regarding David Ward, the Provost pointed out his experience with UW-Green Bay and the regional community as well as his proven ability to work with UW system as significant assets as he assumes the role of Interim Chancellor.

3) Continuing Business

a) Possible Revisions to the Program Review Process. The UC has received memos commenting on the proposed revisions from the AAC and elsewhere. These will be used to inform the upcoming Senate Forum on ways of making the program review process more efficient. It was noted by two UC members that there may still be some misunderstanding regarding the relationship between the program review process and the budgetary process. In fact, there is no functional link between the program reviews and the distribution of resources.

b) Faculty Compensation during the Summer Sessions. The Deans continue to work on achieving an equitable solution to the potential problems in figuring faculty compensation caused by the fact that not all students enrolling in summer session pay tuition. The UC chair will share information on this topic with the Senate in the meeting of May 14.

c) Scheduling of Senate and UC Meetings in 2008-09 academic year, It was agreed that UC and Senate meetings would remain on Wednesday with Senate meeting scheduled from 3:30-5:00 and UC meeting scheduled from 3:30-5:15. The projecting meeting dates for the Senate are: September 17, October 15, November 12, December 10, January 28, February 18, March 11, April 8 and May 6.

4) New Business

a) It has been suggested to the UC that the next round of administrative reviews include the departing Provost and Chancellor. After some discussion it was decided that this would place an unnecessary burden on the committee charged with conducting the reviews and so the UC agreed to restrict the reviews to the current deans.

- b) Criteria for choosing named professorships. The chair reported on a recent meeting that included current and past holders of named professorships and the chair of the Committee of Six that concluded that criteria for choosing the recipients of some of these professorships should be clarified. While the intention remains to “rigorously attend to the intent of the donors,” it would be useful to make it clear in which cases associate professors might be allowed to apply and which academic areas were appropriate to consider for each professorship. The committee agreed to ask Committee of Six Chair Larry Smith to appear before the UC to communicate his ideas on these matters. The UC also agreed that it would be advantageous to the university if a named professorship could be available for each interdisciplinary unit.
- c) Election of UC chair for 2008-08. Prof. Steven Meyer was elected chair of the UC for 2008-09 with the understanding that Prof. Illene Noppe would assist in carrying out the duties as UW-Green Bay faculty representative as needed.
- d) Senate agenda. The Senate agenda for the May 14 meeting was established with the assistance of SOFAS Cliff Abbott.

The date of the next UC meeting is to be determined.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Terence O’Grady, secretary pro tempore