

Minutes

Meeting of the University of Wisconsin, Green Bay University Committee

August 29, 2012

Cofrin Library 750

3:30 - 5:15 pm

Attendance: Greg Davis, Derek Jeffreys (chair), Mimi Kubsch, Ryan Martin (recording), Steve Meyer, Leif Nelson (Academic Staff Rep), Bryan Vescio,

Guests: Dean Sue Mattison and Illene Cupit

Meeting called to order at 3:30 pm

- I. Preliminary Comments by the Chair
 - a. Derek Jeffreys discussed procedures regarding getting minutes to members of the committee.
- II. Minutes of the August 22, 2012 UC Meeting were approved with minor changes.
- III. Discussion of the Flexible Degree Proposal
 - a. Steve Meyer discussed his understanding of the flexible degree program and indicated that the university must choose a faculty representative to be involved by September 7, 2012. UC members expressed the following concerns about the program: how residency requirements will be addressed, whether the university and/or departments will be able to decide if they want to participate, how the curriculum will be controlled, and whether purely online courses are equivalent to in-person courses. A potential strength of the program was that competency-based credit may be a better method than transfer credits, as there is more certainty with regard to whether or not students truly know the material they are receiving credit for. Concerns were also identified regarding the process by which the program had been introduced and whether or not faculty governance was being respected.
 - b. The UC decided to hold an open forum on the Flexible Degree Program at the September 12, 2012 Faculty Senate Meeting and to invite someone from UW-system who can address concerns and answer questions about the program. The UC also decided to ask for an extension on the September 7 deadline for a representative until after the September 12 Senate Meeting.
- IV. Honors Program
 - a. Illene Cupit and Sue Mattison discussed the Honors Program that had been previously passed by the Faculty Senate. Because of budget restraints, the program had been altered and needed to be discussed and voted on by the Faculty Senate again.
- V. Agenda for the September 12, 2012 Faculty Senate Meeting
 - a. General Education Reform Proposal (first reading)

- b. Honors Program (first reading)
- c. Flexible Degree Program Open Forum

VI. Discussion of letter to Faculty Senators

- a. The UC went through a letter that would be emailed to faculty senators regarding their role in faculty governance and outlining basic parliamentary procedures and courtesies.
- b. Greg Davis was nominated to be deputy speaker.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Martin