

MINUTES
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay University Committee

Present:

31 August 2011

3:00 pm, CL 830

Previous Meeting—24 August 2011

Dave Dolan
Tim Kaufman
Bryan Vescio
Michael Draney
Derek Jeffreys
Ray Hutchison
Linda Parins, Academic Staff Representative

Guest: Julia Wallace, Provost; Cliff Abbott, Secretary of the Faculty; Andrew Kersten, Faculty in History

1. The minutes of the meeting of 24 August 2011 were approved with minor corrections.

Old Business

2. Code Change on Defining Interdisciplinarity: UC members discussed the code change proposal. Several members expressed reservations about the wording of the proposal, and its interpretation. All were in favor of bringing it to the faculty senate for further discussion and a vote.
3. Brainstorming, Part II: Meet with SOFAS Abbott: Cliff Abbott was invited to present to the UC a summary of his hosted “Faculty Summits” of Summer 2011. Fresh from a participant debriefing the day before, Abbott suggested that one theme that emerged from these meetings was the desire to block out a time for faculty to discuss items of importance. The idea of a “faculty lounge” or some other mechanism for meaningful faculty discussion was discussed. The creation of this mechanism and active participation could be recognized as service. Abbott further discussed a “theme” of finding a new currency for service, and its impact on the “culture” of the University.

Abbott also identified a juxtaposition of faculty perception in regards to governance. On one side are faculty that believe that the University administration should do the “leading”; on the other side are those who believe faculty should be making decisions concerning leadership.

Mike Draney suggested that we further explore the idea of service, especially the idea of the inequalities of committee service. UC members discussed the existing culture of service and possibilities for new ways to “enculturate” junior faculty. The proposal for the creation of joint committees will be further explored and discussed at a future meeting.

4. Review draft resolution on Concealed Carry Law: All UC Members supported this resolution, and thanked Mike Draney for creating it.

New Business

5. Replacement recommendation for Individualized Learning Committee: UC members recommended Jill White for this committee.
6. Meet with Provost Wallace: Provost Wallace updated UC members on the move of the Office of Research and Grants (ORG) to the 8th floor of the Cofrin Library. She further reported on enrollment projections—the last two years have been slightly lower in enrollment, but much higher in graduation numbers. Retention is up, and the Office of Admission has created a website in Spanish—both for students and parents. Provost Wallace also presented a brief overview on the Constituent Resource/ Research Management tool (CRRM), and the impressive things it can do in regards to personalizing student communication.
7. Meet with Andrew Kersten: Professor Kersten addressed members of the UC on the issue of faculty and staff workload and compensation. Members of the UC supported forming a committee on workload and compensation, and suggested the idea be presented as a first reading item at the next faculty senate meeting. Subsequent discussion centered on the pros and cons of making this a joint faculty and academic staff committee. The UC will discuss this idea with the academic staff committee at its next meeting.
8. National Faculty Survey: Ray Hutchison presented members of the UC with copies of this survey. Members briefly discussed the findings, and identified some weaknesses in this survey data.

The meeting adjourned at 4:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Kaufman
Secretary Pro Tempore
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