

MINUTES
UW Green Bay University Committee

Present:

Steven Meyer (Chair)

Illene Noppe

Laura Riddle

Brian Sutton

Dean VonDras

3 September 2008

3:45 pm, CL 825

Previous Meeting

7 May 2008

Guest: Professor Cliff Abbott, Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff

- 1) The minutes of 7 May 2008 were approved with minor changes.
- 2) Professor Meyer discussed his plans to attend the UW System Faculty Representatives Meetings per his chairly duties.
- 3) Noting the sad and untimely death of one of our colleagues, Bruce LaPlante, the UC will invite Professor Bill Shay to write a memorial resolution to present to the next Faculty Senate meeting, which will be 17 September 2008.
- 4) We agreed to extend a standing 4:45 pm invitation to Provost Laatsch to speak to the UC at each of our meetings.
- 5) The UC Annual Report of 2007-2008 was presented by Former Chair VonDras. Accomplishments were noted, issues yet to be resolved were discussed (see points below), and our compliments are extended to Professor VonDras for a job well done as UC Chair and annual report author.
- 6) Carry-over issues to be considered for the 2008-2009 academic year:
 - We will once again consider unit alignment, especially in terms of where the model does and does not work effectively.
 - Discussion of unit alignment led to a thoughtful discussion of the role of interdisciplinarity on the UW-Green Bay campus. In particular, the UC needs to further explore the unique concerns and issues of each unit with in terms of how interdisciplinary majors and minors and disciplinary majors and minors are integrated within a budgetary unit.
 - The UC also agreed to examine the necessity of requiring our students to take either an interdisciplinary major or minor.
 - The UC needs to respond to the revision of the Program Review Guidelines that was crafted last year.

7) Faculty Senate

The UC expressed interest in working further toward empowering the Faculty Senate. A number of possible changes were discussed, such as changing the venue to a smaller room, using a caucusing format for part of Senate sessions, and encouraging online discussions. The UC will further consider such ideas at its next meeting.

8) Professor Abbott's recommendations for UC consideration:

- Review Committees' Annual Reports from academic year 2007-2008 to identify important concerns and issues that must be addressed.
- Confusion in code regarding faculty appointments: Professor Abbot suggested that Chapters 51 and 3 might be combined for great clarity.
- Professor Abbott believes that campus governance groups could seek further guidance and help when they must research a particular issue. He suggested that these committees should be encouraged to become acquainted and use more of the on-campus resources to help them with their work.

9) Merit Review:

The UC discussed merit review procedures for the coming biennium. The UC will examine the procedures that the other UW campuses are using for this year.

10) All good things must come to an end. And thus, we adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

The next UC meeting will be 19 September, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. in CL 825.

Respectfully submitted,

Illene C. Noppe, secretary pro tempore