

MINUTES
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay University Committee

Present:	9 September 2009
Dave Dolan	3:00 pm, CL 825
Tim Kaufman	
Illene Noppe	
Laura Riddle	Previous Meeting:
Brian Sutton (Chair)	2 September 2009

Guest: Julia Wallace, Provost; Katrina Hrivnak, Academic Staff Representative; Steve Meyer

1. The minutes of the meeting of 2 September 2009 were approved with minor wording changes.
2. **Ombudsperson:** Professor Riddle distributed a draft of Resolution on the University Ombudsperson. Members of the UC agreed the draft looked good and approved it as an Agenda Item with minor changes for the Sept. 16th Faculty Senate consideration.
3. **Waitlist Proposal:** Professor Sutton distributed a revised draft of the Waitlist Proposal. The UC approved this proposal after minor changes and will present at the Sept. 16th Faculty Senate Meeting.
4. **Welcome Provost Wallace:** The University Committee welcomed Provost Wallace to the meeting, and after brief member introductions, discussed the role of the Provost in UC meetings. Members also discussed the focus to be on information sharing and a brief history of UC was presented. Provost Wallace briefly discussed efforts focusing on increasing campus diversity. She also expressed an interest in fielded questions and discussed the issue of a childcare center and its potential impact on student enrollment, especially impacting graduate students. Professor Noppe indicated that former plans and a “blueprint” exist outlining a brand new center adjacent to the Wood Hall parking lots. Provost Wallace also commented briefly three items: 1) on a desire to make budget issues transparent, 2) on the interdisciplinary question, and 3) on the structure of Colleges versus programs. Provost Wallace needed to excuse herself for a 4:00 PM memorial program on campus.
5. **Faculty Workload:** Professor Riddle provided members of the University Committee with a document that compiled transcribed senate caucus notes (Spring 2009 Faculty Senate), various correspondence, information, and sources related to the issue of faculty workload. She indicated that there are many, many concerns, and that all issues are intertwined in a complex web. Members discussed possible common themes and an organizing concept, but came to the conclusion that no one move will alleviate or sufficiently address this issue. The UC will continue to explore this issue and work hard to frame it in a manner that would invite progress toward solution.
6. **Repeat Rule:** The UC continued its discussion of eliminating the practice of student s being able to repeat a course, with only the most recent grade for the course counting in their GPA. Professor Sutton provided an updated proposal, with an accompanying rationale. Assistant Registrar Katrina Hrivnak recommended implementing a priority rule that would impact the ability for repeating students to register prior to first timers. UC members recommended getting input from Mike Herrity regarding the possibilities on the SIS system, at which time a decision will be made regarding the issue and bringing it forward to the Faculty Senate. UC members agreed that there is some time to work on this repeat rule.

7. **Information Items:** Professor Meyer put out the call for a volunteer to serve as a faculty representative on the SGA committee. Professor Sutton will contact the SGA and get feedback on the times for their weekly meetings to share with the UC.

8. **Secretary of the Faculty and Staff:** The UC met with SOFAS Abbott to set the Agenda for the Faculty Senate Meeting on Sept. 16th, 2009. The following items were discussed and set for the Agenda.

1) The Resolution for Faculty Ombudsperson with minor revisions. Members of the UC also discussed the desire to have the SOFAS serve in this role. Professor Riddle to present.

2) Resolution for Course Waitlist. The UC will recommend this item concerning the Registrar's waitlist specifications. Professor Sutton to present.

3) Discussion Item: The addition of a University Honors Program will be brought forward for discussion. Professor Sutton and Professor Noppe to present.

SOFAS Abbott informed the UC that we will need to elect a deputy speaker at the Faculty Senate meeting. A memorial resolution for Jerry Dell will also be presented. Professor Meyer will give the 2008-09 UC Chair's report and Professor Sutton, UC Chair, will give the current report at September 16th's Faculty Senate Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:48.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Kaufman
Secretary Pro Tempore