MINUTES 2011-2012
UW-GREEN BAY FACULTY SENATE MEETING NO. 10
Wednesday, May 2, 2012
Phoenix C, University Union

Presiding Officer: Derek Jeffreys, Speaker of the Senate
Parliamentarian: Clifford Abbott

PRESENT: Andrew Austin (DJS), Kimberly Baker (HUB), David Dolan (NAS-UC), Michael Draney (NAS-UC), Jorge Estevez (NAS), Clif Ganyard (HUS), Victoria Goff (ICS), Thomas Harden (Chancellor ex officio), Doreen Higgins (SOWORK), Ray Hutchison (URS-UC), Derek Jeffreys (HUS-UC), Tim Kaufman (EDU-UC), Young Jin Lee (BUA), Kaoiime Malloy (AVD), Ryan Martin (HUD), Jennifer Mokren (AVD), Amanda Nelson (HUB), Cristina Ortiz (HUS), Adam Parillo (URS), Alma Rodriguez Estrada (NAS), Courtney Sherman (AVD), Christine Smith (HUD), John Stoll (PEA), Mussie Tcelezion (BUA), Bryan Vescio (HUS-UC), Julia Wallace (Provost, ex officio).

NOT PRESENT: Franklin Chen (NAS), Adolfo Garcia (ICS), Mark Kiehn (EDU), Karen Lieuallen (EDU), Christopher Martin (HUS), and Christine Vandenhouten (NURS).

REPRESENTATIVES: Heba Mohammad, Student Government

GUESTS: Tim Sewall, Sue Mattison, Scott Furlong, John Katers, Lucy Arendt, Andrew Kersten, Tim Dale, Steve Vandennvond, and Paula Ganyard

1. Call to Order. Speaker Jeffreys, showing an admirable command of punctuality previously thought of as exclusively the Chancellor’s, brought his final meeting of the year to order at exactly 3:00.

2. Approval of Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting No. 9, April 25, 2012. Speaker Jeffreys asked for any corrections and/or comments and, hearing none, accepted the minutes.

3. Chancellor’s Report. The Chancellor began by congratulating everyone on an exceptional year and reporting that the number of graduating students this term reaches a record 902. He then reported on three issues. The first was to urge all to pay attention to an anticipated announcement from the Governor’s office on May 14th. This may involve Wisconsin’s reaction to a model of education used by Western Governors University, characterized as all the credits you can take for a single low price. It was unclear whether the prime advocate was the Governor, the UW-Extension Chancellor, or Western Governors itself, but, according to Provost Wallace, the UW Provosts are uncomfortable with the model. The second issue was the effort to reform the UW personnel system. The Chancellor described the process over more than a year to come up with recommendations for change. A set of draft recommendations now exists and will be the subject of three open forums on this campus on May 15 and 16. The implementation date is July 2013. The third issue in the Chancellor’s report was the set of changes concerning the Weidner Center. A formal season of performances will be announced on May 22 and changes are already in place to make the Center more accessible to University and community groups. (The Chancellor was asked whether there would be any faculty/staff discounts and he responded by saying it was something worth looking into.) Finally the Chancellor presented some tokens of recognition for the work this year of the
Speaker of the Senate, Derek Jeffreys, and the Chair of the University Committee, Michael Draney. The Senate showed its appreciation with several rounds of applause.


a. Code Change to create a Graduate Studies Council (second reading) Director of Graduate Studies Tim Sewall introduced the proposed change and the next one by saying there were no changes from the first reading and by asking for questions. There were none. Senator Mokren (Senator Stoll second) moved adoption and with no discussion the Senate voted its unanimous approval (24-0-0).

b. Code Change in Graduate Faculty Status (second reading). Senator Draney (Senator Mokren second) moved adoption and again with no discussion the Senate voted its unanimous approval (24-0-0).

c. Code Change in Periodicity of Senate Meetings (second reading) UC Chair Michael Draney presented a slightly altered version from the first reading and explained how the Code change would add a single meeting to next year’s calendar (with an additional potential May meeting to be held only if needed). Senator Ganyard (Senator Vescio second) moved adoption and with no discussion the Senate voted its unanimous approval (24-0-0).

d. Proposal for an M.S. in Sustainable Management (second reading) John Katers introduced this item by reporting on the progress made and anticipated by the other campuses involved in the collaborative program. Senator Higgins (Senator Estevez second) moved adoption and, clearly catching the rhythm of the afternoon, the Senate without discussion voted its unanimous approval (24-0-0).

e. Requests for future business The Speaker made the standard request.

5. New Business.

a. Election of Speaker of the Senate for 2012-2013 Speaker Jeffreys announced that the UC was bringing forward Bryan Vescio as their candidate for Speaker of the Senate and asked for nominations. Senator Dolan (Senator Kaufman second) made Senator Vescio’s nomination official. With no other nominations the Senate voted its unanimous approval.

6. Provost's Report. The Provost reported progress on two administrative searches. The search to replace Mike Marinetti as Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Administration is bringing candidates to campus this week and the search to replace Kathy Pletcher as Associate Provost for Information Services will bring three candidates to campus in the week of May 15th. The Provost also lauded the work of Tim Sewall throughout his career but especially over the last year for the work with graduate studies. The Senate responded with applause.

7. Other Reports.

a. Faculty Rep Report. Dave Dolan reported that the Faculty Reps will be meeting soon and on their agenda are at least two items: a review of the recommendations for changes to the UW personnel system and a proposal from UW-SP on salary compression.
b. University Committee Report. UC Chair Mike Draney reported on a recent meeting of the Chancellor’s Leadership Council which dealt with the topics of: the recommended changes to the UW personnel system, where he registered concerns about the process and complained about the timing of the scheduled forums (although faculty are still under contract, many would not be available the week after exams); the slightly revised policy on rehiring annuitants (exceptional cases must now go through the Position Review Committee); and progress on the University’s branding efforts (an ad agency is now under contract). He then announced that the UC had selected Derek Jeffreys as its chair for next year. He also graciously acknowledged and thanked: the members of the Senate, the University Leadership (for improved communication), the members of the University Committee (for their hard work and accomplishments), the SOFAS (for some perceived mentoring), and the audio support team (for listening to every minute of the Senate’s meetings).

c. Student Government Report. Heba Mohammad thanked the Senate and University Committee and announced two items: that the students would be spending some of their sustainability funds on bike racks and that the vote on participation in the United Council appears, dependent on resolution of some charges of voter irregularities, to be going against UW-Green Bay’s participation.

8. Open Forum on General Education Reform

Bryan Vescio and Cliff Abbott of the General Education Task Force presented a history of the Task Force and the process that led to the proposal for a new model (attached to the Senate agenda). They described the narrative that the new model works from, some reactions from units, and the next steps which involve deans working with unit leaders over the summer (if possible) to confront implementation issues of repurposing courses and constructing new courses for the program. The inclination of the University Committee was to bring the model to the Senate in the fall for two readings and a vote.

The senators posed a number of questions and the discussion was a bit free form since the Senate’s speaker, the parliamentarian, and several guests joined in the discussion. The questions raised the following issues: what exactly has to change; how are transfers handled; are there reasonable enrollment limits on capstone courses; how are first year seminars in the model different from the first year seminars we currently have; is a first year experience necessary for everyone; will there be new faculty hires to accommodate low enrollment courses; will assessment methods (similar to those used in our current first year seminars) drive curricular structures; how much freedom will faculty have in course design for the new model, especially for first year seminars; are the key terms in the model’s goal statements sufficiently well-defined to act upon (can contestable meanings still be coherent); is there enough time to consider the implications before a Senate vote in the early fall; will units have quota demands placed on them to supply new and repurposed courses for the model; will the amount of change sought be fairly distributed across units; does the proposal miss an opportunity to reform our writing requirements (writing emphasis courses); can the test-out procedures for the quantitative competency be put on a firmer basis that the instrument currently used; and can the institution ever overcome its inertia on general education.

9. Adjournment. At 4:56 p.m. the discussion seemed expended and the Speaker with near perfect timing called the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Clifford Abbott, Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff