Minutes

Meeting of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay University Committee

05 October 2011

3:00 pm, CL 750

Previous Meeting: 28 September 2011

Present: Dave Dolan
Mike Draney (Chair)
Bryan Vescio
Derek S. Jeffreys
Ray Hutchison
Linda Parins, Academic Staff Representative
Heba Mohammad, Student Government Association Representative

Guests: Provost Julia Wallace

1. Discussion with the Provost. The Provost discussed the Regents’ visit to UWGB. She also briefed the UC on the searches underway for the Associate Provost and Director of Graduate Studies position. She asked for suggestions for members of the search committee for the Associate Provost. Chair Draney indicated that the UC would discuss this issue, and forward the Provost some suggestions. He then asked the Provost how the campus budget gets developed. She indicated that a budget group is examining the budget process. Chair Draney indicated that the faculty should play a more active role in the budget process. The Provost agreed with his suggestion. She then asked why the General Education Task Force has taken so long to report to the Faculty Senate. Bryan Vescio (a member of the General Education Task Force) responded that the Task Force has made good progress. It plans to brief departments on its progress shortly. Ray Hutchison returned to the budget process. He noted that in the past, Faculty Senate budget committees were accorded little role in shaping budgets. The Provost again supported the idea of greater faculty involvement in budgetary issues.

2. Minutes. With minor corrections, the minutes for the 28 September 2011 University Committee meeting were approved.

3. Informational updates. Chair Draney updated the UC on the Chancellor’s Leadership Council. He described the presentations at the meeting, focusing particularly on those about the library and the new personnel system. David Dolan briefed the UC on the Faculty Representatives meeting. He reported that some UW campuses may be approving a 2% faculty pay increase. UC members questioned Dolan about other aspects of the meeting. Chair Draney discussed plans to have the UC clarify merit procedures. UC members suggested that the UC invite Dean Furlong to a meeting to discuss merit procedures in different units. Finally, Chair Draney discussed the revisions of the Joint
Committees. Ray Hutchison asked if we need to pare down the number of committees. Other UC members noted that the UC has already reduced the numbers of committees.

4. Old Business. Chair Draney discussed the HIMT proposal, noting that Forrest Baulieu responded to his request for information. Professor Baulieu will make comments at the next meeting of the Faculty Senate. Dave Dolan noted some difficulties with the HIMT proposal. He focused particularly on its weak prerequisites. UC members discussed the proposal, and Dave Dolan agreed to present his objections to the Faculty Senate. Chair Draney turned to the Committee on Workload and Compensation. He suggested that at its next meeting, the Faculty Senate should vote on the proposal. He also reported on conversations with Andrew Kersten and Debbie Furlong. He noted that Debbie Furlong suggested that someone from Human Resources sit on the new committee. UC members discussed but rejected this idea. Chair Draney indicated that Debbie Furlong expressed interest in serving on the Committee on Workload and Compensation. UC members made minor changes to the committee’s charge, and agreed to send it to the Faculty Senate for approval.

Cliff Abbott arrived to set the agenda for the next Faculty Senate meeting. He and Chair Draney discussed several items for the meeting.

New Business. Dave Dolan presented a resolution for the Faculty Senate meeting. It calls on the UW system to offer employees the option of receiving their salary over twelve months. UC members made minor linguistic changes to the resolution, and agreed to send it to the Faculty Senate.

Other Business. Linda Parins asked if an Academic Staff representative should report to the Faculty Senate. UC members offered support for this idea.

The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.