DRAFT Minutes

Meeting of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay University Committee

18 April 2012

3:00 pm, CL 750

Previous Meeting: 04 April 2012

Present:
Mike Draney (Chair)
Dave Dolan
Bryan Vescio
Derek S. Jeffreys
Ray Hutchison
Tim Kaufman

Guests:   Provost Julia Wallace, Heba Mohammad (Student Government Representative), Lucy Arendt and Kevin Fermanich.

Photographs. Members of 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 University Committees met outside for a group photograph. Because of high winds, the photographer took the photo indoors.

Minutes. With minor corrections, the UC approved the minutes of its 04 April 2012 meeting.

Masters Program in Sustainable Management. To discuss the proposed Masters Program in Sustainable Development, the UC met with Lucy Arendt and Kevin Fermanich. UC members agreed to convene a special session of the Faculty Senate to ensure a first reading for the program proposal. Lucy Arendt and Kevin Fermanich answered questions about the program’s requirements, job prospects for those completing it, and the online nature of the Masters.

Meeting with Provost. Provost Wallace arrived for her weekly meeting with the UC. She asked Chair Draney about nominations for the Frankenthal Chair. He indicated that the nomination committee will act soon. Chair Draney asked about procedures for granting faculty status. The Provost indicated she would check on them. She also announced a possible partnership between UWGB and the Medical College of Wisconsin. The Chancellor is currently working on developing this partnership.

Information Items. UC members discussed the previous meeting of the Faculty Senate. They also agreed to table the election of UC Chair and Speaker of the Senate until the next meeting.
General Education Task Force Report. UC members discussed when the General Education Task Force should present its proposal to the Faculty Senate. Some wondered if it would be best to wait for the new members of the 2012-2013 Faculty Senate to be sworn in. UC members also maintained that the proposal for a first-year seminar is problematic. Will the first-year seminar end up like the ones proposed last year? Will there be adequate resources to staff the proposed seminars? Some UC members also asked about the nature of Capstone Seminar. Bryan Vescio (a member of the task force) agreed to talk to Dean Furlong about the University Committee’s concerns.

Miscellaneous items. Chair Draney discussed the Graduate Faculty Status Code changes. UC members agreed to put them on the agenda for the next Faculty Senate meeting. They also agreed to grant Mary Guy faculty status. Finally, Chair Draney briefly discussed changing the Academic calendar to match UWGB’s Spring Break with that of local schools. UC members agreed that this is a complex issue.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Recorder: Derek S. Jeffreys