Minutes

Chair Andrea Cool called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

Krueger moved to approve the minutes from the 10/1 meeting, seconded by Farrell and passed. Farrell moved to approve the minutes from the 10/15 meeting, seconded by Kreul, and passed.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Chair Andrea Cool requested that the Budget Presentation and the Website Transition Project be switched. Jennifer moved to approve the agenda with this minor change, seconded by Griswold, and passed.

3. Announcements

Farrell noted that this is the last meeting that Kreul will be on the Personnel Commission; he will be taking her place from now on.

Chair Cool reported that the Open Forum was a big success; it was standing room only with 98 people in attendance, and it was suggested that this be done again.

Chair Cool stated that the CIO search is underway, and she is the representative from the senate on the committee.

4. Administrative Updates

Budget Presentation – Cathy Riedl-Farrey & Rob Cramer – The PowerPoint presentation is located on the budget office web page at
http://www.uwplatt.edu/budget/presentations.html. There was discussion regarding the extra savings from utilities. This money was sent back to Madison, and they will discuss how these funds will be distributed. This presentation will be given to the other senates (faculty & student) and will be presented as an open forum on November 20 & 27th for the campus community.

**Website Transition Project** – Paul Erickson – After a brief explanation of the beginning process, the senate was filled in on the changes that have and will be taking place. There is currently a 14 person committee split into 5 sub committees which are meeting weekly. You can see some of their work at [http://www3.uwplatt.edu/web](http://www3.uwplatt.edu/web). Web development is asking that people check their web pages and delete the outdated information. They are hoping to have the new pages up by spring break.

**Strategy & Resource Planning Committee** – Rob Cramer – Cramer presented a draft for review of the new UW-Platteville Strategy and Resource Planning Committee Charter. Their main purpose is to oversee the implementation of the strategic plan and development of annual and multi-year financial plans. It is proposed to be a 19 member committee with representation from across the campus. This is to help increase transparency for where funding is coming from. There was some discussion of adding an academic staff and faculty person along with the senators. This will be discussed more at a later meeting.

**Chancellor’s Cabinet Update** – Jennifer Artz – The cabinet met on October 19th and had an informative presentation about appropriate professional interaction, Jennifer Lattis was the UW legal person presenting. The new mascot was also introduced.

**Strategic Planning** – Andrea Cool – Christina Curras will be bringing the strategic plan needing approval on the mission statement. Once the mission statement is approved on campus, it will go to the Board of Regents for a reading, then it will come back here for a public session including one member of the BOR. It will then be presented to the BOR at the Dec. 9th meeting.

5. **State Reps. Report**

Reviewed the UW System’s biennial budget request, asking for new monies for quality, access and economic development, the flexible degree initiative, and unavoidable costs. A travel update was given, it was emphasized that we need to use the contracted tools in place, and discounts will increase with the growth of use. There have also been some grievances from instructional academic staff on other campuses, related to non-renewal and job security. This is something that the personnel commission should look at and have in place. Cramer pointed out that UW
System is seeking transformation and transformative new initiatives regarding quality, access, and economic development.

6. Vice Chair’s Report

Artz reported that Oct. 23 was the last faculty senate meeting; the Ad Hoc Accountability Team is gathering data. Senate approved the writing emphasis component for general education after much discussion and a few minor changes. Christina Curras discussed the strategic plan.

7. Committee Reports

Elections and Appointments – U. Daeuber

- Daeuber reported that Edina Haslauer will not be on the International Education Committee; Liz Holden will be taking her place. Artz moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Daeuber, and passed. The commission talked about the guideline changes for the service areas and will be discussing it more in depth. This will be placed on the agenda in the future.

Professional Development – J. Almquist

- Almquist announced that they have proposals requesting $30,000 but there is only $14,000 available in funding.

Personnel Commission – A. Kreul

- The commission did not meet but they elected a new chair, Amy Kreul is chair of the Personnel Commission.

Academic Staff Award for Excellence – A. Kreul

- This group has not met yet. It was approved by the senate that not everyone has to be present in order to meet. The final appointments has not been made because the list of academic staff by area has not yet been received from HR. Chair Cool will contact Cathy Cutka regarding this.

8. New Business

2014-15 Academic Calendar Endorsement

- After some discussion regarding football dates, Almquist moved to approve the calendar, seconded by Krueger and approved.

9. Old Business
**Humanities Dept. Promotion Issue**

- This issue has been taken care of by the department; the portfolios will be used by the department as part of the annual evaluation process, but as part of the promotion process.

Farrell moved to adjourn, seconded by Griswold, and passed at 4:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Krueger, Secretary

Beth Vaassen, Recording Secretary