University of Wisconsin-Platteville Faculty Senate
Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 4:00 p.m. University Room North, Pioneer Student Center
Attendees:

☑ Charles Cornett (EMS, 2015) Chair
☑ Rea Kirk (LAE, 2016) Secretary
☑ Tera Montgomery (BILSA, 2017)
☑ Benjamin Collins (EMS, 2017)
☑ Irfan Ul-Haq (EMS, 2015)
☑ Mary Rose Williams (BILSA, 2015)
☐ Mike Compton (BILSA, 2016)
☑ Rosalyn Broussard (LAE, 2015)
☑ John Leonard Berg (Karr Library, 2017)
☑ T.A. Sandberg (LAE Ac. Staff Rep, 2015)
☐ Dennis J. Shields (Chancellor, ex officio)
☐ Rob Cramer (Vice-Chancellor, ex officio)
☐ Patricia Pothour [Academic Senate Liaison]

☒ Teni Burns (LAE, 2016 at-large) Vice Chair Proxy Melissa Gormley
☒ Abulkhair Masoom (EMS, 2016 at-large)
☒ B.J. Reed [Parliamentarian]
☒ Lisa Riedle (EMS, 2017)
☒ Joseph Clifton (EMS, 2015 at-large)
☒ Amanda Tucker (LAE, 2017)
☒ Michael Penn (EMS, 2016)
☒ Sheryl Willis (EMS, 2015 at-large)
☒ James Almquist (EMS Ac. Staff Rep, 2016)
☒ Misty Lemon-Rogers (BILSA Ac. Staff Rep, 2017)
☒ Mittie Nimocks Den Herder (Provost, ex officio)
☐ Joe Sigworth (Student Senate Liaison)
☐ Lisa Merkes-Kress (Recording Secretary)

 Guests: Dominic Barraclough, Hannah Corcoran, Susan Hansen, Elizabeth Throop.

MINUTES

I. Call to Order
Chair Cornett called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

II. Roll Call (sign-up sheet)

III. Approval of Minutes of January 27, 2015
Rose-Williams moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Masoom. Minutes approved.

IV. Approval of the Agenda
Berg moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ul-Haq. After a brief discussion Collins moved to approve the agenda “as amended,” seconded by Gormley. Agenda approved.

V. Announcements and Reports

1. Spending Actions and Open Position Review (R. Cramer/M. Den Herder)
Cramer and Den Herder reviewed the email sent regarding the review of vacant positions and limited travel not related to academics or students. Promotions for faculty are not on hold. We may not know the budget for the next fiscal year until June.

2. Appointment of John Hammermeister to UUCC (C. Cornett)
MOTION: Collins moved to approve John Hammermeister as a replacement for Ranney on UUCC, seconded by Montgomery. Motion approved.

VI. Unfinished Business

3. Chapter 36 - Public Authority Update
Chair Cornett reminded senate that if the university goes to public authority we would no longer be state employees but rather public employees and section 36.13 would be repealed. This is of concern because it would potentially omit the legal authority for tenure for one year. Some of the language of the bill is to remove some obligations rather than eliminate the policy, such as sick leave. Vice Chancellor Cramer discussed the financial implications and stated there is no breakdown available at this time. Discussion ensued about the potential impacts of larger campuses taking larger loss. Provost Nimocks Den Herder will report on the measures UW Madison Chancellor Rebecca Blank will be taking.

VII. New Business

4. Counseling Psychology Program (L. Throop)
Throop informed senate that the School of Education has suspended the counseling Psychology Program, they are not accepting new students but are allowing the students enrolled to finish.
5. Resolution Regarding SB 21: Proposed Budget Bill (C. Cornett)

**MOTION:** Masoom moved to accept Mike Compton’s edits to the UW-Platteville Faculty Senate Resolution Regarding SB21: Proposed Budget Reduction, Authority Creation, and Alteration of the UW-System Mission Statement, seconded by Broussard. Motion carried.

6. New Hires and Budget (M. Rose-Williams)

There are concerns about the hiring during a budget crisis of Rose Smyrski who is the special assistant to the Chancellor during a budget crisis. Discussion ensued about Smyrski’s role on campus and was this position needed for the survival of the campus. Clarification included that Smyrski was returning to her position from a one-year leave of absence. In addition, since she will be taking on the responsibilities that Dennis Cooley had, her qualifications for this job were questioned.

**MOTION:** Clifton moved to have the special assistant to the chancellor position be added to the green list of recommended budget cuts, seconded by Kirk. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Williams move that we, the Faculty Senate of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, recommend that the Chancellor rescind the offer of employment to Rose Smyrski, or offer her the position at the median salary of a full professor in the College of Liberal Arts and Education, seconded by Wills. Motion failed with three ayes and one abstention.

**MOTION:** Williams moved that we, the Faculty Senate of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, recommend that the Chancellor offer a gesture of support to his beleaguered colleagues by returning 10 percent of his salary to the University, seconded by Gormley. Motion failed with three abstentions and one aye.

**MOTION:** Williams moved that we, the Faculty Senate of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, recommend that the Chancellor urge his administrative colleagues to consider returning 10 percent of their salaries to the University as a gesture of support, seconded by Kirk. Motion failed with five abstentions.

Chair Cornett discussed 36.09 (1) h, the statutory language related to equal compensation for a given discipline between UW comprehensives and stated that Faculty Senate should provide a resolution stating we cannot support other campuses by taking on their financial burdens.

VIII. Next Meeting Date February 24, 2015

IX. Adjournment

Chair Cornett adjourned the meeting at 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rea Kirk, Secretary

Lisa Kress, Recording Secretary