University of Wisconsin-Platteville Faculty Senate  
Tuesday, April 14, 2015, 4:00 p.m. University Room North, Pioneer Student Center 

Attendees:

☑ Charles Cornett (EMS, 2015) Chair  ☐ Rob Cramer (Vice-Chancellor, ex officio)  
☐ Rea Kirk (LAE, 2016) Secretary  ☐ Mittie Nimocks Den Herder (Provost, ex officio)  
☐ Tera Montgomery (BILSA, 2017)  ☐ Joe Sigwarth (Student Senate Liaison)  
☐ Benjamin Collins (EMS, 2017)  ☐ Lisa Merkes-Kress (Recording Secretary)  
☐ Irfan UI-Haq (EMS, 2015)  ☐ Dennis J. Shields (Chancellor, ex officio)  
☐ Mary Rose Williams (BILSA, 2015)  ☐ Michael Penn (EMS, 2016)  
☐ Mike Compton (BILSA, 2016)  ☐ Amanda Tucker (LAE, 2017)  
☐ Rosalyn Broussard (LAE, 2015)  ☐ Joseph Clifton (EMS, 2015 at-large)  
☐ John Berg (Karr Library, 2017)  ☐ James Almquist (EMS Ac. Staff Rep, 2016)  

☑ Terri Burns (LAE, 2016 at-large) Vice Chair  ☐ Patricia Pothers (Academic Senate Liaison)  
☐ Abulkhair Masoom (EMS, 2016 at-large)  ☐ Lisa Riedle (EMS, 2017)  
☐ B.J. Reed (Parliamentarian)  ☐ Sheryl Wills (EMS, 2015 at-large)  
☐ Staff Rep, 2016  ☐ Rieder (EMS, 2017)  
☐ Karr Library, 2017  ☐ James Almquist (EMS Ac. Staff Rep, 2016)  
☐ LAE, 2015  ☐ Misty Lemon-Rogers (BILSA Ac. Staff Rep, 2017)  

Guests: Todd Carothers, Dominic Barraclough, Val Wetzel, Tonya Stappert, Hannah Cocoran, Wayne Weber, Andrew Pawl, Leonard Ballash, Bob Stewer  

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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 March 24, 2015  
Williams moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Ul-Haq. Minutes approved.

IV. Approval of the Agenda  
Burns moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Berg. Agenda approved.

V. Announcements and Reports

Accreditation is required to be eligible for federal funding. HLC will be on campus October 24-25, 2016. Random people will be questioned. Some of the questions may be: what are your program’s Student Learning Outcomes? and what is the mission of the university? There also will be a student survey distributed by HLC in spring 2016. We will not see the results until one month prior to the HLC visit. If you are asked to submit information by one of the criterion teams, please respond as quickly as possible. Our deadline to present the evidence files is August 1. There is a lot of work to do before the final report is ready and your cooperation is needed.

2. General Education Committee (GEC) Update (T. Burns)  
Burns presented on behalf of the GEC with a proposed draft bylaw change to add the Assessment Oversight Committee to faculty governance structure by changing the title to the Assessment Oversight Commission. Burns also updated Faculty Senate on what GEC has been discussing regarding ways to mesh the Student Learning Outcomes and general education, and discussing how to include this committee into the governance structure. Discussion ensued regarding assessing non-academic programs and departments. No action is needed until the next Faculty Senate meeting. Please review the information provided and plan to discuss and take action April 28.

3. Lab Survey by Information Technology Services (ITS) (J. Almquist/T. Stappert)  
Criteria matrix is being created to find the best way to evaluate the 93 computer labs. Currently, Lab Stats evaluates usage, but we want feedback from staff and students.
Therefore, an icon will appear on all the lab computers for taking the survey, week of April 27.

VI. Unfinished Business

4. Update on Potential Class Interval Changes (M. Den Herder)
Den Herder presented information to Faculty Senate showing options for changing from 8-minute interval between classes to a 10-minute interval. Be it noted: there a few errors in the document.
MOTION: Burns moved that we charge the calendar committee to look at the class times and provide two or three options to reset the calendar in order to have 10 minutes between classes, seconded by Williams. Motion carried.

5. Syllabi Guidelines Endorsement (B. Reed)
MOTION: Kirk moved to endorse the syllabi guidelines as distributed, seconded by Montgomery. Motion carried.

VII. New Business

6. Class Cancellation for 2016 Distinguished Lecture (V. Wetzel)
Thursday Baxter Black will be here at 9:30 a.m. in celebration of the 100th year of Agriculture. Voting will be open for 2016 lecture; we would like to invite someone connected to the university to celebrate the 150th year of the University.
MOTION: Kirk moved to recommend to the Chancellor that we cancel classes, labs, lectures, and campus activities for the spring 2016 Distinguished Lecture, sometime after spring break on a Tuesday or Thursday from 9:30-11:30, seconded by Broussard. Motion carried.

7. Student Senate Resolution Re: Flipped Classroom Designation (H. Corcoran)
Student Senate would like to have a policy regarding flipped classroom structure. Academic Information Technology Committee (AITC) is drafting a document distinguishing the difference between hybrid and flipped classrooms; this will be on the next Faculty Senate agenda for discussion.

8. Interdisciplinary Studies Department (R. Broussard/M. Gormley/T. Nelson)
Information only. This is to combine four departments: Women’s and Gender Studies/Gay Studies, Ethnic Studies, Social and Environmental Justice, and International Studies.
MOTION: Burns moved that Faculty Senate approve the proposal, Kirk seconded. Motion carried.

VIII. Next meeting date Tuesday, April 28, 2015

IX. Adjournment

With no other business to discuss, Chair Cornett adjourned the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rea Kirk, Secretary, Lisa Merkes-Kress, Recording Secretary
distributed to the faculty in advance of the meeting to give faculty members the opportunity to contact members of the Senate to express views on topics being discussed.