University of Wisconsin-Platteville Faculty Senate Meeting  
Tuesday, April 9, 2013, 4:00 p.m.  
University Room North, Pioneer Student Center

Laura Anderson, Chair
Charles Cornett
David Kraemer
Michelle Schroeder
Joseph Sigwarth (Student Senate)
Irfan Ul-Haq
James Swenson
Amanda Trewin
Elizabeth Holden

Mittie Nimocks Den Herder (Provost, ex officio)
Regina Pauly
Rob Hasker, Secretary
Melissa Gormley, Vice Chair
Eric Farrell (Academic Staff) for Jennifer Artz
Shane Drefcinski
Doyle St. John
Rob Cramer
Lisa A Merkes-Kress (Recording Secretary)

Rea Kirk
Margaret Karsten
Rob Cramer
Colleen McCabe
Jennifer Artz
Sheryl Wills
Tom Sandberg

Guests:
Jeanne Durr, Cathy Riedl-Farrey, Christina Curras, Madelph Kohler-Busch, Wendy Brooke, Susan Hansen, Wayne Weber, Mike Compton, Ray Spoto

Absent:
Dennis J. Shields (Chancellor, ex officio), B.J. Reed

MINUTES

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

II. Approval of Minutes of March 12, 2013
Minutes approved as presented.

III. Approval of the Agenda
Agenda approved as presented.

IV. Announcements and Reports (L. Anderson)
Chair Anderson introduced two of the three new Academic Staff representatives Tom Sandberg from LAE and Elizabeth Holden from EMS. BILSA is still searching for a representative.

1. Report on review on general education courses by UUACC (A. Ranney)
A. Ranney not in attendance postponed until next meeting.

2. Report on current administrative searches (M. Nimocks Den Herder)
Susan Traxler has accepted the position of Assistant Vice Chancellor for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer and will begin May 20, 2013. Laura Bayles has accepted the position of Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and will begin on July 15, 2013. The search for the Assistant Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs is still in process; interviews will take place late April or early May.
   Recommendations have been received and are pending the chancellor’s review. Process has taken longer than anticipated, classified staff will have to be done on an individual basis and this takes time. Funds will be retroactive if deadline is not met. There will be another update by the May 14 faculty senate meeting. Rob thanked everyone for his or her time.

4. **Report on campus policy on overloads as of July 1, 2013 (M. Nimocks Den Herder)**
   Effective June 30, 2013 the overload limit of $12,000.00 is being removed. Effective July 1, 2013 the limit has been temporarily increased to $16,000.00. An ad-hoc committee will be put in place to work on the new policy with a projected effective date of July 1, 2014. The ad-hoc committee will need to be aware that other areas within state government will continue to have a limit on additional pay. Discussion ensued about existing grant writing funds and whether they are being held pending a new policy. Provost is unaware of any problems and will look into this issue.

   [http://www.uwplatt.edu/budget/index.html](http://www.uwplatt.edu/budget/index.html)

   **Spring 2013 budget (C. Riedl-Farrey)**
   - Tuition positive variance of 3.1 million.
   - Fall enrollment was 7,287 and spring enrollment was 6,604, which exceeded our expectations.
   - Growth for TSI is 500 new students based on past performance.
   - Diversity and Inclusion will become a cost recovery department.
   - 2014 - 2018 classroom technology upgrades.
   - Housing and meal plans will be increased 5% for 2013-2014.
   - Attendance projection increased 5.3% from last year.

   **Biennial Budget (R. Cramer)**
   - No budget cuts or lapses proposed.
   - $181 million dollars of state funds recommended.
   - Compensation reserves have not been set.
   - No tuition cap or limit.
   - Flex option degree there is an additional $650,000.00 for the first year.
   - Agreement between UW System and WTCS to not have less than thirty easily transferable credits of core courses.
   - Course option program allowing students K-12 to take up to two courses at a time.

6. **Report on general faculty meeting (L. Anderson)**
   All proposed amendments to the by-laws passed and the mail ballot has been distributed for the changes to the constitution. There are more issues than by-laws that may need to be discussed, therefore a yearly general faculty meeting should take place. Suggested time is Thursday before session starts. This year it would be August 29, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.. Chair Anderson will finalize this date and bring it back to Faculty Senate.

V. **Appointments (J. Swenson)**
   Nothing to report at this time.
VI. Unfinished Business
Nothing to report at this time.

VII. New Business

1. Proposal from Department of Business and Accounting to be renamed a School (S. Hansen)
   Discussion ensued about why do they want to be a school; they are a diverse unit, there is more funding available, and to bring attention to the public. It was pointed out that item “f” in the proposed definition of a school will need to be revised since there will not be an SRB after 2014.

   Discussion ensued about how to define a school. A suggestion from one of the guests was that a school should have at least one major educational research or outreach program, contain at least one high priority program with the university, and have a history of sustained enrollment or enrollment increase. He also questioned the 10% of total enrollment figure. Concerns were raised by others about the proliferation of schools, administrative bloat, and additional overhead. Motion: Hasker proposed that the two school directors and the department of business and accounting discuss and rework the document based on the discussion and the rewording of “f” in the proposed document, seconded by Gromley. Motion approved.

2. Resolution to disband the Ethics Committee and reassign it’s duties (J. Swenson)
   No reason to have an ethics committee. They rarely meet and engage in little discussion related to ethics. Some committee on campus does need to be responsible for informing the faculty of the deadline to report outside income, but this can be a different committee. Motion: Swenson moved the attached motion to disband the ethics committee, seconded by Kirk. Cornett proposed to strike “or the faculty professional development committee” on the document presented; since there were no objections, this amendment was accepted by Chair Anderson. Motion approved as amended. The Bylaws committee will need to draft amendments to the Faculty Bylaws.

VIII. Adjournment
Chair Anderson adjourned meeting at 5:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Hasker, Secretary
Lisa Kress, Recording Secretary