University of Wisconsin-Platteville Faculty Senate

Tuesday, March 25, 2014, 4:00 p.m. University Room North, Pioneer Student Center

Attendees:

☒ Melissa Gormley (LAE, 2014) Chair
☒ Regina Pauly (Karrmann Library, 2014) Secretary
☒ Amanda Trewin (BILSA, 2014)
☒ Colleen McCabe (LAE, 2014) Proxy Scott Soja
☐ Irfan Ul-Haq (EMS, 2015 at-large)
☒ Regina Pauly (Karrmann Library, 2014) Secretary
☒ Charles Gornett (EMS, 2015 at-large) Vice Chair
☒ Abulkhair Masoom (EMS, 2016 at-large)
☐ B.J. Reed (Parliamentarian)
☐ Doyle St. John (EMS, 2014)
☒ J. Elmo Rawling (LAE, 2016)
☒ Mary Rose Williams (LAE, 2014 at-large)
☒ Michael Penn (EMS, 2016)
☒ Sheryl Wills (EMS, 2015 at-large)

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Guests: Dominic Barraclough, Joan Riedle, James Swenson, Wayne Weber, Mike Dalecki, Joshua Meyer (student)

MINUTES

I. Call to Order
Chair Gormley called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

II. Roll Call (sign-up sheet)

III. Approval of Minutes of March 11, 2014
Williams moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Compton. Minutes approved.

IV. Approval of the Agenda
Broussard motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by McCabe. Agenda approved.

V. Announcements and Reports

1. Update on Faculty Senate Elections (J. Swenson)
The elections for college representatives had 103 votes. Tera Montgomery (BILSA), Ben Collins (EMS), Amanda Tucker (LAE), and John Leonard-Berg (Library) were elected.
   - In the event of a tie, the candidate with the most nominations is elected, if there is a tie in nominations then a coin toss at faculty senate would determine the winner.

VI. Unfinished Business

3. Discussion regarding archiving of Chancellor, Provost, and Dean Evaluations (J. Rawling)
Rawling would like guidance for archiving the digital copy of the evaluations, currently they are on his computer's hard drive.
   - The Chancellor and Provost are public figures; evaluations are subject to public records policy. The evaluations of the Deans are not subject to public record.

MOTION: Compton moved to recommend that a digital copy and a hard copy of the evaluations be held in the supervisor's office, seconded by Trewin. Motion approved.
VII. New Business

4. **Approval of 2014 URSTPC Guidelines** (J. Rawling)
   Rawling presented the calendar with the updated dates for 2014-2015.
   
   **MOTION:** Williams moved to add the approved aforementioned motion about evaluations to section 17, seconded by Compton. Motion approved.
   
   **MOTION:** Burns moved to approve the calendar with the addition of section 17, seconded by Cornett. Motion approved.

5. **Composition of the new Department Salary and Promotion Committees** (J. Rawling)
   Rawling asked everyone to encourage the chairs to finish the new plans, so URSTPC can start reviewing the plans.
   - URSTPC has received and reviewed two plans for EXAMPLES ONLY, and they are available to use for reference when creating the department’s new plans. URSTPC had discussions regarding departments having non-tenured faculty on the promotion committee.
   
   Discussion ensued about the pros and cons of non-tenured faculty being on the committee.
   - Pros: The educational value and opportunity, in addition non-tenured faculty can opt out if they do not want to be on the committee. Having non-tenured faculty on the committee helps smaller departments from going outside of the department to fill vacancies.
   - Cons: Power differential and conflict of interest.
   - Provost suggested giving smaller departments the option to consider non-tenured track faculty to serve on the DRB instead of going outside of the department to fill vacancies if that becomes an issue.
   
   **MOTION:** Karsten moved that we maintain the current policy as is, seconded by Wills. Motion approved with two opposed.

6. **Instructional Teaching Load Report** (M. Gormley)
   UW System (UWS) is conducting an audit of faculty and instructional academic staff (IAS) workloads. A template was provided by UWS and is due mid-May. The first report will be based on the 2012-13 academic year. UWS will be reviewing six academic years in total. This will be an ongoing topic for discussion and Chair Gormley encourages faculty and IAS to connect with the department chairs and program directors to discuss the following issues. Chair Gormley will save the template on the shared drive for reference.
   - What is a reasonable student credit hour load?
   - Will need to provide narratives on what we do outside of the classroom.
   - What is pedagogically sound?
   - How are we handling overloads?

7. **Review of Remedial Math Policy** (M. Gormley)
   March of 2013 Faculty Senate passed a resolution regarding progress in completing and passing remedial courses. Concerns are that students are not able to get into math 15 when they need to.
   - Criminal Justice majors are not required to take a math course for their major but may be required to take remedial coursework to meet their general requirements.
   - Students registering in the summer cannot take the required math course because of the lack of resources.
   - Math 10 and 15 are taught by SW Technical College instructors.
   
   Discussion ensued about a proposal at system level that will require remedial coursework to be done during the 12th grade of high school.
VIII. Next meeting date Tuesday, April 01, 2014
   **A special meeting called for budget discussion**
IX. Adjournment
    Chair Gormley adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Pauly, Secretary                          Lisa Kress, Recording Secretary