

## FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

April 19, 2011

Present: Chappy, Dishaw, Garrison, Jones, Kaltcheva, Kercher, Kostman, Loewenstein, Maguire, Meyerson, Mrotek, Neal, Redington Robson, Saginak, Simmons, Wacholtz

Excused: Bahcall, Brown, Bryan, Westphal

Absent: Beyer, Lattery, Pontynen, Roth

Administrative Representative: Perry Rettig

Academic Staff Representative: Jean Inda (absent)

Oshkosh Student Association Representative: Colin Anderle

Guests: Kim Nguyen, Ken Splittgerber, Pat Wilkinson, Liz Whalley, Al Hartman

### Minutes in Brief:

At the April 19, 2011 meeting of the Faculty Senate, Patrick Wilkinson and Ken Splittgerber gave a report on the Intranet Development Project. Representatives gave the following reports: OSA (Anderle), and Provost's Staff and U-Plan (President Robson). The senate endorsed a resolution supporting Academic Freedom. The senate approved four APC program action items, the Geography Department's Program Review, and the appointments of George Thomas and Jakob Iverson to Academic Computing & Networking Search & Screen Committee. Senator Wacholtz gave a Senate Elections update and asked the body for Executive Committee at-large member nominations. Senators Kercher, Dishaw, Neal, and Garrison were then nominated. Senators discussed university budget priorities and several ideas for savings and new spending. Senator Meyerson moved that the issue of senate neutrality on the issue of Collective Bargaining for faculty be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

President Robson called to order at 3:13 p.m.

### I. State of the University

A. Gordon Hintz was unable to attend.

### B. Reports

1. SAS (Inda) – absent
2. OSA – (Anderle) – OSA representative Anderle reported that the election for OSA president and vice president has not been finalized.
3. Provost Staff – (Robson) – The search for the director of academic computing and networking has begun. The academic staff salary equity process was presented. There were some concerns about the process and suggestions were made to address them. Work is continuing on a salary equity process for instructional academic staff.
4. U-Plan (Robson) – A report was given on the Pride, Purpose, and Promise Campaign - they closed the campaign 6 months earlier than expected. Madison adopted new language in their handbook for faculty rights related to academic freedom. Lacrosse made a similar change, and we might consider doing so as well. Given the history of Board of Regents stand on academic freedom, the current board unanimously re-affirmed their support of academic freedom. The Vice Chancellors reported on their exercise of projecting a 2% across the board budget cut in their respective areas. The exercise is designed to see the effects of the cuts, what areas may need to be held harmless, or even need additional resources. It also helps to see where money might be saved by consolidating certain activities across areas.

- C. Intranet –Pat Wilkinson, Ken Splittgerber & Kim Nguyen – The purpose and need for an intranet was presented. The task force looking into the development of the intranet has proposed the University create and fund an Intranet Development Project (IDP) to proceed with the actual setting up of the Intranet.

II. Minutes of April 5, 2011

*MOTION: Moved approval by Neal/Kostman as amended. Approved.*

III. Old Business

- A. Resolution supporting Academic Freedom

*MOTION: Moved approval of the resolution supporting Academic Freedom by Jones/Simmons as amended. (1 abstention, 1 no) Approved.*

**FS1011-39 The Faculty Senate approved the resolution supporting Academic Freedom.**

IV. New Business

- A. APC

- I. Program Action Routing Sheets (Form C)

- a. COLS Women's Studies Major and Minor; Add WMST 399 to "either/or" option with 366. [pp 575-576]
- b. COLS Establish BS Major in Radiologic Science [pp 577-585]
- c. COLS Kinesiology Major, Exercise & Fitness Emphasis, Drop 425 as required course. [pp 586-587]
- d. COLS Journalism Major. Visual Journalism Emphasis, add 343 to Emphasis [pp 588-589]

*MOTION: Moved approval of the APC form C items by Neal/Kostman. Approved.*

**FS1011-40 The Faculty Senate approved the following APC items: COLS – Women's Studies Major and Minor; Add WMST 399 to "either/or" option with 366; COLS – Establish BS Major in Radiologic Science; COLS – Kinesiology Major – Exercise & Fitness Emphasis, Drop 425 as a required course; COLS – Journalism Major, Visual Journalism Emphasis, add 343 to Emphasis.**

- II. Program Review –

- a. Geography  
Report of the Program Review Committee  
Deans Summary & Recommendations

*MOTION: Moved approval of the Geography Program Review by Wacholtz/Kostman. Approved.*

**FS1011-41 The Faculty Senate approved the Geography Program Review.**

- B. Committee Appointment – Search & Screen for Academic Computing & Networking – George Thomas & Jakob Iversen

*MOTION: Moved approval of the committee appointments by Kercher/Garrison. Approved.*

**FS1011-42 The Faculty Senate approved the appointment of George Thomas & Jakob Iversen to the Search and Screen for Academic Computing & Networking Committee.**

- C. Executive Committee Nominations – Senator Wacholtz called for nominations from the floor for members-at-large to sit on the executive committee. Senators Dishaw, Garrison, Kercher, & Neal were nominated. Elections will take place at the next meeting.

- V. Discussion Items –
  - A. Budget Priorities – Input was gathered from senators. Areas to hold harmless included keeping nine hour teaching loads, especially for junior faculty and continuing to hire tenure-track faculty, instead instructional academic staff, for vacant positions. Money could be saved money by eliminating redundancies, looking for ways to share resources, and taking advantage of student groups to help with projects (example: might be willing to help with grounds upkeep as a service project). Morale might be improved with continuing (or even expanding) campus beautification projects. There is also a survey on whether faculty would be interested in some designated space on campus for them to gather informally (a faculty club).
  - B. Barbara Sniffen Award reminder: Nominations are due May 9<sup>th</sup>.
- VI. Committee Reports –
  - A. Senator Wacholtz – Elections update – Final election results were in packets and statistics were included.
- VII. Items from Members –
  - A. Senator Meyerson requested that senate’s position on collective bargaining be placed on the May 3<sup>rd</sup> agenda for discussion.
- VIII. Information Items -
  - A. Board of Regents History of Academic Freedom

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Jim Simmons  
President Elect

April Dutschek  
Recorder