

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
September 21, 2010

Present: Beyer, Bryan, Garrison, Jones, Kaltcheva, Kercher, Kostman, Lattery, Loewenstein, Maguire, Meyerson, Mrotek, Pontynen, Redington, Robson, Roth, Saginak, Simmons, Wacholtz, Wurzbach

Excused: Bahcall, Dishaw, Neal, Westphal

Absent: Brown

Administrative Representative: Lane Earns

Academic Staff Representative: Jean Inda (Sub – Cindy Fruhwirth)

Oshkosh Student Association Representative: Devin Hagan

Guests: Carleen Vande Zande, Charlie Hill, Mike Watson, Pam Lassiter

Minutes in Brief:

At the September 21, 2010 meeting of the Faculty Senate, President Denise Robson welcomed the new senators and delivered her opening presidential address. Cindy Fruhwirth reported on the activities of the SAS and Devin Hagan reported on OSA. President Robson reported on the recent meetings of the Provost Staff and U-Plan. The senate approved the nominations of Susan Bonis and Jan Edelstein from Nursing to the Faculty Development Board, and the appointment of Angela Gray from Geography to the Enrollment Management Team. Senators discussed issues related to the senate meeting's reports on the Inclusive Excellence Plan (Pam Lassiter) and the Transfer Equity Study (Carleen Vande Zande, Charles Hill and Mike Watson). President Robson suggested changes and ways for activating faculty senate committees. Senators also discussed Robson's opening remarks.

President Robson called to order at 3:11 p.m.

I. State of the University

A. Welcome (Robson)

New Senators:

Pete Brown (Religious Studies & Anthropology)
Stephen Kercher (History)
Miles Maguire (Journalism)
Andrew Redington (Art)
Judith Westphal (Nursing)

Welcome from President Robson – President Robson noted a few changes that will be on the agenda and minutes this year. Committee Reports will be added to the agenda to give Senators time to present various committee activities. The minutes will note whether an absence is excused or not. Senators who will be missing a meeting should inform the senate office whenever possible.

President Robson gave opening remarks, commenting on the challenges we will be facing and the need for us to come up with strategies to meet them, so changes are not imposed on us.

Reports

1. SAS (Fruhworth) – SAS continues to work on salary equity, and will begin looking into the issues for instructional academic staff.
2. OSA (Hagan) – OSA is looking into setting up a tech center with academic computing that will, not only serve campus computers, but also students' personal computers. There is discussion of limiting the number of pages each person can print in the general access labs. There has been some excessive printing being done. OSA is also working on having more students utilize titan alert and are seeing if there can be something to done to make it easier to cross both High Street and Algoma Blvd.
3. PAS (Robson) – Provost Staff met a couple times over the summer. 1) it was noted that NSSE will be administered again this spring; 2) the new AVC for lifelong learning and engagement, Karen Heikel, started yesterday; 3) Board of Regents will be here Oct 7 & 8, Senators are encouraged to attend as many of the sessions as possible. A full agenda for the meeting can be found on the UWO website. 4) The search and screens for the AVC for Inclusive Excellence, the Director of Advising, and a new position in the Grants office are in progress. 5) Provost Earns reported on the System's Vice Chancellor meeting. It included a discussion of the E-campus link for all on-line programs in the system, budget updates, and the need for changes in the handling of fringe benefits for external grants. 6) There will be some minor handbook changes, approved by the PAS, that will need to be approved at a future meeting.
4. U-Plan (Robson) – U-Plan topics from the summer included budget updates from the Board of Regents meeting and the status on the naming of various facilities on campus.

II. Minutes of May18, 2010

MOTION: Moved approval by Roth/Wurzbach. Approved.

III. Old Business

None

IV. New Business

COC – Committee Appointments
Faculty Development Board Nominations
CON – Susan Bonis & Jan Edelstein
Enrollment Management Team –
Angela Gray

MOTION: Moved approval of the above COC appointments by Wacholtz/Jones. Approved.

FS1011-01 The Faculty Senate approved the Faculty Development Board nominations for CON – Susan Bonis & Jan Edelstein, and the committee appointment of Angela Gray to the Enrollment Management Team.

V. Discussion Items

- A. Inclusive Excellence Plan – Pam Lassiter gave an update noting that since her initial meeting with us in March of 2010, this plan has been presented to the Board of Regents by the Chancellor with AVC Vande Zande and Pam Lassiter. Summer progress has encompassed getting more campus input on implementing the plan. Inclusive Excellence will become our 8th key operational plan.

- B. WI Transfer Equity Study – (AVC C. Vande Zande, C. Hill, M. Watson) – This study is a collaborative of effort between the two and four year campuses and the technical colleges. The goal is to increase the number of successful minority transfer students. Both qualitative and quantitative data is being used to identify who the students are and what are their unique challenges.

- C. General Committee Discussion – President Robson reported that the University Honors Council was dissolved. Committees are being asked to elect chairs and report them to the senate office. President Robson is planning on making better use of some of the committees. She noted there will be a forming a couple of taskforces.

VI. Committee Reports

VII. Items from Members -

It was noted that more discussion is needed on various issues so the senate can be more proactive instead of reactive. President Robson responded by reminding senators they can request to have anything put on the agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Jim Simmons
President Elect

April Dutschek
Recorder