

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
November 2, 2010

Present: Beyer, Brown, Jones, Kaltcheva, Kercher, Lattery Loewenstein, Maguire, Meyerson, Mrotek, Neal, Pontynen, Redington Robson, Roth, Saginak, Simmons, Westphal

Excused: Bahcall, Bryan, Dishaw, Garrison, Kostman, Wacholtz, Wurzbach

Absent:

Administrative Representative: Carleen Vande Zande

Academic Staff Representative: Jean Inda - absent

Oshkosh Student Association Representative: Devin Hagan - absent

Guests: Karen Heikel, Ken Splittgerber, Nick Dvoracek

Minutes in Brief:

At the November 2, 2010 President Robson gave reports on the most recent Provost Staff and Faculty Representatives meetings. Chancellor Wells gave updates on the Campus Master Plan and University Strategic Plan and discussed the UWO Education Compact. Michelina Manzi (COEHS) was appointed to the Faculty Advocacy Committee and Mary Wurzbach (CON) was appointed to the Library & Learning Resources Committee. Senators discussed and suggested changes to a draft revision of the UWO Web Policy. Items from members, such as faculty involvement with compensation and student absence policy, were also debated by senators.

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

I. State of the University

A. Chancellor –

The Chancellor shared hand outs and updated the senate on the 2010-2020 Campus Master Plan for UWO. He discussed what is currently in progress, pending, and coming to campus. Also noted was the hope to create more civility on campus, through the Civility Initiative. Lastly, Chancellor Wells reminded everyone to get out and vote, if they hadn't done so yet.

B. Reports

1. SAS (Inda) – absent

2. OSA (Hagan) – absent

3. Provost Staff (Robson) – 1) The Senate of Academic Staff requested information on the reallocation of the space vacated by those moving to the new academic building. There was also a request to have Faculty and Academic Staff included in the discussions of space allocation; 2) Grad council formed a group to look at tuition rates, they are looking for faculty input. For more information please contact Jim Koch or Greg Wypiszynski; 3) The provost summit was a success, with how best to follow up being discussed; 4) The Strategic Planning retreat is scheduled for January 19th & 20th and all are encouraged to attend; 5) The Thursday, November 4th, Board of Regents meeting is a one day workshop focusing on Brain Drain/Gain in Wisconsin and the K - 12 common core standards; 6) UWO made initial commitment to use the Intranet and planning has commenced; 7) Early Alert Program initial data was given out with more to come later; 8) The assessment program review came before Provost staff. It will be discussed at the next Provost Staff meeting; 9) Assistant Vice Chancellor Heikel noted that this week is Non Traditional Student Week and informed the senators on various activities being held throughout the week; 10) There was a preliminary discussion on how many credit hours need to be earned at UWO for transfer students to be able to graduate with commencement honors.

4. Faculty Reps (Robson) – 1) Collective Bargaining at the two unionized campuses was discussed, including the importance of having the union working with senate groups to make sure shared governance is protected; 2) The joint session with Academic Staff & Faculty included an update on how the information from Wisconsin Way and WI Summits (meetings with business leaders) is being used to develop a 10 year recommendation for restructuring and stabilizing UW funding; 3) The Pay Plan, based on the recommendations from the Competitive University Workforce Commission, will be presented at the December Board of Regents meeting; 4) Lastly, fringe benefits from extramural funded projects was discussed.

II. Minutes of October 19, 2010

MOTION: Moved approval by Neal/Jones. Approved.

III. Old Business

- A. None

IV. New Business

- A. Assessment – postponed to next meeting.

- B. Committee Appointments

1. Faculty Advocacy Committee -
Michelina Manzi (COEHS)
2. Libraries and Learning Resource Advisory Council (2 yr apt)
Mary Ellen Wurzbach (CON)

MOTION: Moved approval of the above committee appointments by Westphal/Loewenstein. Approved.

FS1011-09 The Faculty Senate approved the following committee appointments: Faculty Advocacy Committee – Michelina Manzi; & Libraries & learning Resource Advisory Council – Mary Ellen Wurzbach.

V. Discussion Items

- A. UWO Web Policy – A very preliminary draft of a new UWO Web Policy was shared with the senate. Ken Splittgerber addressed the questions and concerns of the senators. Some of those concerns included: 1) Fair Trade usage of the branding and UWO Logo; 2) Flexibility of department authority; 3) The policing authority of the IMC in approving any content, page changes, and web layout; 4) Who can gain access to web sites to work on pages; and 5) The resource constraints limiting IMC's ability to fulfill the oversight requirement laid out in the document. It was noted that the Web Advisory Committee will be working closely with ACUG in revising the web policy.

VI. Committee Reports

- VII. Items from Members – 1) An update on Collective Bargaining and where it stands across the system; 2) The lack of written excuses being given out by the Student Health Center; 3) Early Alert Warning for upper level students; 4) Role of the senate in the compensation process; 5) Departmental notification of the use of recruitment and retention funds; and 6) Making sure younger faculty are informed about university policies.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Jim Simmons
President Elect

April Dutschek
Recorder