

**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES**  
**November 15, 2011**

Present: Bentivenga, Beyer, Brown, Cowling, Garrison, Heider, Johnson, Kercher, Loewenstein, Petronicolos, Redington, Robson, Saginak, Siemers, Simmons, Wacholtz, Westphal

Excused: Bahcall, Bryan, Chappy, Kaltcheva, Mrotek

Absent: Lattery, Liske, Neal

Administrative Representative: Provost Earns

Academic Staff Representative: Jean Inda

Oshkosh Student Association Representative: Christopher Swartout

Guests: State Representative Gordon Hintz, Lori Carrell, Nick Dvoracek

Minutes in Brief:

At the November 15, 2011 Faculty Senate meeting State Representative Gordon Hintz updated us on what is occurring in Madison and responded to the senators' questions. Reports were given by SAS representative Inda and Student representative Swartout. President Simmons reported on the PAS meeting and the U-Plan meeting. The minutes of the Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting were approved, as corrected. Lori Carrell updated the Senate on work of the Gen Ed Reform Team. The Senate approved the 2012-2013 Salary Adjustment Guidelines, APC item - Form C – COB Deleting the Department of Supply Chain and Operations Management and renaming the Marketing Department to be Marketing and Supply Chain Management Department, and the appointment of Renae Reljic to the Assessment Committee. There was a discussion about the budget lapse with a resolution introduced by Senator Robson that will be considered at the next Senate meeting. Senator Kercher provided the Senate with a report from the Improvement of Instruction Committee and their work with on-line courses.

President Simmons called the meeting to order at 3:14 p.m.

I. State of the University

A. Reports

1. SAS (Inda) – (1) the OSA budget resolution was endorsed and also support for ASPRO'S list of Objectives and Concerns gathered from UW System Academic Staff along with a list gathered via a survey from academic staff across our campus, (2) Chancellor Wells visited and updated the senate on budget issues, and asked for good turn out to budget forums on the 16<sup>th</sup>.
2. OSA – (Swartout) – The senate only had two major items, the General Education Reform, and their resolution in support of faculty senate. Other smaller topics included needed additional space at the student recreation and wellness center, the report given from the Provost, and that students had recently been lobbying in Madison.
3. U-Plan – (Simmons) – (1) the special budget U-Plan meeting mostly included the discussion of surprise, shock, anger, related to the most recent cut/lapse; (2) discussion related to the growth agenda and possible cut backs or inequity reduction came up. We are still hopeful of no layoffs. Provost Earns then noted to everyone that recent activities on campus have caused for a needed reminder of policies and guidelines when it comes to political activities and involvement on campus. He understands that a large majority of staff on campus as much as we agree or don't agree with current politics do at least respect the rules, but we still need to be careful. These actions that

stand out tend to be what non campus people generalize all of campus with and it affects the university as a whole. Please be also reminded that civility is important.

4. Provost Staff – (Simmons) – (1) The graduate dean search is ongoing, as well as the upcoming graduate council chair, (2) A reminder of the appropriate use political activities was given across campus, (3) The System Vice President for Academic Affairs position is being redefined to emphasize process, (4) The growth agenda is still important but may take cuts, (5) Student participation in NSSE was down but the results showed improvement, (6) Additional information needed for the Accountability Report is still being put together. Provost Earns then added that the additional information requested for the accountability report has shown some challenges, but they are working on how to compile and present it. The Provost then also reminded everyone to explain to non university folks when you get the chance the budget details and how money for new buildings is different funds that operating expenses for example.

B. Gordon Hintz – State Representative

Representative Hintz - Started off my noting he was glad to meet with the senate again. He noted that he understood frustrations that not much has changed and or even gotten better. He highlighted past and present budgets, noting that the lapse are factored into budget, but with recession that is a higher challenge. A major key he said was to be honest with what the state government can do for us, to not stop giving input, to continue with ways to let legislators know what is going on and how it affects us. The fact that when we all get a tighter budget we do tend to promote key values that are offered is still encouraging, showing creative and innovative staff.

II. Minutes of November 1, 2011

*MOTION: Moved approval by Westphal/Lowenstion as amended Approved unanimously by voice.*

III. Old Business

- A. General Education Reform Update – Lori Carrell – Noted that this agency is being used to make a difference, to enable to leaders for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, but we are also those leaders. It will take innovation and energy to help this continue and she knows that will the right support and service the goals are attainable. The Senate asked Lori to develop a survey to gather further feedback from faculty, staff, and students. It is important that is process remain practical and not idealist. After discussion related to the timeline and framework it was agreed to have it presented to the senate yet this semester, by the end of the calendar year for their review and recommendations. The senate will take up the structure of the new and revised course approval process and implementation of the plan at the next session.

IV. New Business

- A. 2012-2013 Salary Adjustment Guidelines

Moved to approve by Wacholtz/Loewenstein. *Approved unanimously by voice..*

**FS1112-8 The Faculty Senate approved the 2012-2013 Salary Adjustment Guidelines.**

- B. APC Item – Form C – COB Delete Department of Supply Chain and Operations Management and rename the Marketing Department to be Marketing and Supply Chain Management Department.

Moved to approve by Westphal/Loewenstein. *Approved unanimously by voice..*

**FS1112-9 The Faculty Senate approved the Form C – COB Delete Department of Supply Chain and Operations Management and rename the Marketing Department to be Marketing and Supply Chain Management Department.**

C. Committee Appointment – Assessment Committee – Ranae Reljic  
Moved to approve by Kercher/Garrison Approved unanimously by voice.

**FS1112-10 The Faculty Senate approved the appointment of Ranae Reljic to the Assessment Committee.**

V. Discussion Items –

A. Budget Lapse – Senator Robson distributed a drafted resolution for review.  
Move to table definitely by Kercher/Brown until next meeting.

VI. Committee Reports –

A. Improvement of Instruction (Kercher) – An update on the committee work toward better ways of assessing online courses, noting that criteria and consistency are both critical. The group has concerns with the complete cycle used in the early alert program, it is important to help with better success rates. The guidelines and best practices for the online courses will be put together and brought before senate by the end of the spring semester. The Provost did add as a reminder that the committee is to examine and make necessary changes, not to redo the whole process.

VII. Items from Members –

A point of order was made that at 5:00 when the meeting is scheduled to go until that we didn't have quorum (which is only 13 of our 25 members) showed concern for members who were not able to attend or left early.

VIII. Information Items –

None

Adjournment at 5:00 p.m.

Jim Simmons  
President

April Dutschek  
Recorder