Minutes
UWC Senate Steering Committee
Meeting #13: WisLine
Wednesday, April 8, 2015
4:00 p.m.

Present: Greg Ahrenhoerster, Rose Brust, Marcy Dickson, Joe Foy, Margaret Hankenson, Holly Hassel, Evan Kreider, Greg Lampe, Juli McGuire, Graham Pearce, Mark Peterson, Matt Raunio, Cathy Sandeen, Jeff Verona, and Linda Baum

Not Present: John Short

1. **Call to order.** The April 8, 2015 WisLine meeting of the UW Colleges Senate Steering Committee (SSC) was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by SSC Chair Mark Peterson.

2. **Approval of the agenda.** The meeting agenda was approved by unanimous vote [Kreider/Dickson].

3. **Approval of Minutes for SSC #12 (2015-03-20).** The minutes of the March 20, 2015 meeting of the SSC held at UW-Fond du Lac were unanimously approved [Ahrenhoerster/Hassel].

4. **Reports**

   a. Chancellor Cathy Sandeen reported that she would be at UW-Waukesha hosting the Board of Regents the next two days. She stated she believed that the institution would truly be showcased to the Regents through the events and presentations. Chancellor Sandeen will be presenting to the Board of Regents after lunch on Thursday, touching on future plans for the institution. Following the presentation will be a session with the chancellors and Regents centering on the budget. Friday afternoon an inauguration will be held for Chancellor Sandeen. It will be recorded and posted for viewing online. Notable speakers will include Dr. Daniel Greenstein from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and she hopes all who are able attend the event. The Budget Planning Task Force had asked for an extension of its deadline, and was granted an extra week. Their recommendations will be given to her on Friday, April 10. Chancellor Sandeen related that she plans to share the report with the deans Sunday evening and discuss it with them early Monday morning before releasing it and having it posted. There will be, she said, an opportunity for feedback and discussion and to meet with governance groups. She reminded the committee that a Town Hall is scheduled for Monday, April 20. Chancellor Sandeen asked the Steering Committee to read the information on the Budget Planning Task Force’s site to see the direction of the task force.

   b. **Provost/Vice Chancellor Greg Lampe,** noting that many people have been working very hard for quite some time to plan the Board of Regents meeting at UW-Waukesha, thanked Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Joe Foy, Executive Director of Marketing and Enrollment Vicki Keegan, and all others who have put in time and
effort planning the event. The provost said he would be giving a presentation to the Board of Regent’s Education Committee Thursday morning, April 9. He plans to talk about the Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (BAAS) degree completion program, and the Associate of Arts and Science degree and curriculum reimaging project during a joint presentation with UW-Extension Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Aaron Brower. The Budget Planning Task Force is on time and on task related Provost Lampe. The group had met earlier in the day to review the report and recommendations prior to submitting them to Chancellor Cathy Sandeen on April 10. He said that the report includes the background, charge, the process the task force members followed for working through information and the budget reduction recommendations. The task force report will be available Monday, April 13, as pointed out by the chancellor, and Provost Lampe urged everyone to read the complete report, noting it is concise and clear. The provost is working with Interim Dean of UW Colleges Online and Distance Education Christa James-Byrnes to gather information and draft the necessary documents for UW System administration in relation to the request to investigate campus status for UW Colleges Online. The plan is to have the request on the June Board of Regents agenda.

c. **Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Joe Foy** has been serving as the program chair for planning the April Board of Regents meeting at UW-Waukesha. He will meet with Dr. Daniel Greenstein, from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation on Friday, along with UW-Extension Dean of Continuing Education, Outreach and E-Learning David Schejbal and Catherine Geary, UW Colleges Faculty Coordinator for the Associate of Arts and Science (AAS) degree and curricular reimaging project. They plan to discuss the reimaging project and national trends impacting the project. The associate vice chancellor is working with Provost Lampe to assess LEAP (Liberal Education and America’s Promise), an initiative undertaken on the part of UW System. Some areas in which they will look for impact include student learning, success, retention, and transferability. Associate Vice Chancellor Foy will be serving the assessment sub-committee. The report will be completed in December. AAS Assessment Coordinator Valerie Murrenus Pilmaier and Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Foy will present at the deans meeting on April 14 regarding campus assessment and activities in relation to the implementation of the Budget Planning Task Force recommendations going forward.

d. **Senate Steering Committee Chair Mark Peterson** noted that SGC President Graham Pearce and UW Colleges/UW-Extension Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Steve Wildeck had been named to the Board of Regent Task Force on Shared Governance. Alan White, Professor of Philosophy, UW-Manitowoc, had been named to the Tenure Task Force.

e. **Academic Staff Lead Senator Jeff Verona** informed the committee that the Academic Staff Council had completed elections for the incoming Council. They had five nominees for four open positions. They are still helping to seek nominees for academic staff positions on Senate committees. Dave Carlson, Chair of AS Nominations and Elections, is doing well, related AS Lead Senator Verona.
f. Classified Staff Lead Senator Rose Brust said that the University Staff Council continues to work on the UPS policies. At the April 16 meeting they will begin discussions of the complaints policy, recruitment and selection policy, compensation policy, performance management policy, temporary and project appointments policy, and the workplace expectations policy.

g. SGC President Graham Pearce told the Steering Committee that SGC Advisor Kim Valenza would be leaving at the end of the week; he said she had been a very valuable asset. Nominations for a new advisor are due to Brenda Stoffels by April 20. The SGC will hold elections on May 7. SGC President Pearce has been working to get good participation; he wants at least a quorum. He asks that names of students interested in governance be sent to him, the yet unnamed advisor, and Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Rich Barnhouse. Graham Pearce added that he will be running for a second term as SGC President.

5. Business

   a. **Proposed revision to IP #202: Flex option drop deadlines.** There was a question about the math in Table 1 (“UWC Regular” line). It was unanimously agreed to send the question to Senate Academic Policy Committee [Ahrenhoerster/Kreider].

6. Other Business. There was no Other Business on the SSC agenda.

7. Adjournment. The April 8, 2015 WisLine meeting of the UW Colleges Senate Steering Committee was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. when all business was concluded.

8. Action Items

   a. **Baum** will post the approved minutes of SSC #12 in the appropriate electronic files.
   b. **Peterson** will send SSC minutes and chair report to senators and campus steering chairs.
   c. **Peterson** will steer IP #202 to the SAPC to look at flex drop deadlines.