Minutes
UWC Senate Steering Committee
Meeting #16: UW-Fox Valley
Friday, April 22, 2016
10:25 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.


Not Present: Joe Foy, Cathy Sandeen

1. Call to order. The April 22, 2016 meeting of the UW Colleges Senate Steering Committee (SSC) was called to order at 10:33 a.m. by SSC Chair Holly Hassel.

2. Approval of the agenda. The agenda for the meeting held at UW-Fox Valley was approved with one dissenting vote [Alitto/Pearce].

3. Approval of Minutes: SSC #15 Draft Minutes (2016-04-11). The minutes of the April 11, 2016 WisLine meeting of the SSC were unanimously approved [Ahrenhoerster/Bonow].

4. Reports

   a. Provost and Vice Chancellor Greg Lampe extended Chancellor Sandeen’s regrets, noting that she was taking part in a national plenary panel for the Online Learning Consortium: Sustaining Innovation at the Institutional Level. Provost Lampe deferred his report until the meeting of the full Senate.

   b. Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Joe Foy was unable to attend but had submitted a report. Troy Kozma asked if the situation around Course Options was better, worse, or holding neutral. Provost Lampe replied that UW System is working with UW institutions on proposing changes to the Course Options statute and changes to GAPP #36. With these efforts underway, the provost sees things improving.

   c. Senate Steering Committee Chair Holly Hassel stated she had circulated both a report to the Senate and the annual report of the Senate Steering Committee. She reminded the committee that there will be a comprehensive review of Senate policy and of the Constitution by two groups over the summer, and a possible process for that has been identified. Noting that she is on the Online Evaluation Working Group, Hassel said that various problems such as class visits have been identified, as well as potential policy changes to address them.

   d. Academic Staff Lead Senator Jeff Verona related that he would speak to the report found in the full Senate materials during that meeting.
e. **University Staff representative Christi Larson** shared that the University Staff Council has gone from thirteen members to two. While they are working to rebuild the Council, she asked that faculty and academic staff senators encourage university staff to be active in governance and think about joining the Council. She is creating a packet of information for interested university staff so they can understand what Council members do. Chair Hassel related her concern that the work done by university staff thus far would be lost and asked what else could be done to help. Christi Larson replied that aside from encouraging university staff to join, she did not know. The Council may move from a campus based membership to regional. It is just day one, she said, and asked everyone to stay with them through the process.

f. **SGC President Graham Pearce** said his report would wait until the Senate meeting. He introduced incoming SGC President Cris Mendoza. Cris Mendoza related that she attends UW-Rock County and intends to study forensic anthropology.

g. **UWC Associate Degree and Curricular Reimagining Project Faculty Coordinator Caroline Geary** pointed out the location of her report in the Senate materials, explaining that she would not be able to attend the meeting later. The academic departments and programs are very engaged in the project. The team’s thinking is being shaped by the insights they are getting into national conversations. They are infusing the information gathered at the HLC conference; they do not want to go down a track that leads away from national trends or the HLC. Holly Hassel asked about the process they will be following, saying that when UW-Oshkosh reformed gen-ed, they had three categories. Geary replied that Oshkosh had created a framework for gen-ed and taken it through their Senate. They then practiced it for two years before shifting and closing holes. She said UW Colleges is in alignment with some of UW System’s Associate Degree standards, but not with others. The depth requirement, breadth categories in terms of shared learning goals, three conferrable degrees, and the integration of high impact practices need to be incorporated into UW Colleges’ plan. It was questioned whether double-dipping or “slash” courses will be allowed; Chair of Chairs Greg Ahrenhoerster felt it could water down the degree. Project Faculty Coordinator Geary replied that a knowledgeable committee would be needed to apply the designations to the courses. She said only ES and CS might be slashed, and that the processes must be clearly articulated. Troy Kozma asked if there was an equivalent to IS, to which Geary replied that the policy does not handle it the same. When the team is researching other institutions and creating models, they will include what they find so available options can be examined. Kozma asked what mechanisms would be used to require students to have various breadth categories. Geary answered that there would need to be a sub-structure to the categories to promote breadth which would be recommended to the Senate and then taken to the campuses. Chair Hassel asked if they were anticipating a core requirement, to which Project Faculty Coordinator Geary pointed out that there are four-year institutions with nursing degree math requirements that are lower than our AAS math requirements. She said something would be a core requirement only if it was absolutely critical to the first 60 credits of the AAS; if the course was so necessary that without it a UW Colleges Associate Degree was not deserved—that would be the guiding principle.
5. Business

a. Senate Bylaws Committee Appointments

i. Senate Online Program Committee. The SSC unanimously moved a slate consisting of: Dylan Bennet (Associate Professor & Chair, Political Science, UW-Waukesha), Al Bugaj (Professor, Psychology, UW-Marinette), John Hollenbeck (Lecturer, Music, UW Colleges Online), and Kevin Forgard (Senior Instructional Design Consultant, UW Colleges Online) [Peterson/Alitto].

ii. Senate Informational & Instructional Technology Committee. A slate consisting of Beth Webb (Associate Academic Librarian, UW-Rock County) and Deepak Basyal (Assistant Professor, Mathematics, UW-Marinette) was approved by unanimous vote [Ahrenhoerster/Peterson].

iii. Institutional Review Board. SSC Chair Hassel noted that the IRB had passed along the caution that their membership is sent to the Office of Human Research Protections for approval. Steering needs to be mindful of all aspects of diversity when forming the committee from this point forward. Assistant to the Senate Linda Baum has made a note for future considerations. Steven Ziemba (Associate Director, Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation) and Chris Wilbur (Assistant Professor, Psychology, UW-Baraboo/Sauk County-fall 2016) were appointed by unanimous consent [Kozma/Alitto].

iv. Senate Teaching Awards Committee. Jessica Van Slooten (Associate Professor, English & GSW, UW-Manitowoc) was appointed without dissent [Kozma/Raunio].

v. Senate Inclusive Excellence Committee. Dana Haagenson (Associate Professor, Chemistry, UW-Marshfield/Wood County) was moved and unanimously approved [Verona/Peterson]. Julie Konik (Assistant Professor, Psychology-Education, UW-Sheboygan) was unanimously approved [Alitto/Raunio]. The full slate consisting of Haagenson, Konik, and Amy Grams (Senior Lecturer, Sociology, UW-Rock County) was approved by unanimous vote [Hassel/Kozma].

b. Draft language to campus steering chairs re: regional/consolidated staff members and collegium participation. Chair Hassel related that she had sent the language asking about the participation of regional and consolidated staff members in collegium to campus steering chairs. She asked that their recommendations regarding that potential participation by sent in by May 15. Troy Kozma asked how regional and consolidated staff in Madison are represented, noting that if there is to be unity they must be offered the same representation. A possible solution was offered of having those staff join the Online collegium, but Provost Lampe noted that Online would have to choose for them to do that. Kozma objected, saying that Online collegium will be made up of people knowledgeable about Online, not those just in need of a home. Luke Dock expressed the concern that if the people in Madison and elsewhere were not included in some manner, a
lot of people working in business and student services would be excluded. Hassel will update the committee as replies are collected.

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

7. **Adjournment.** The April 22, 2016 meeting of the UW Colleges Senate Steering Committee held at UW-Fox Valley was adjourned at 11:29 a.m. by SSC Chair Holly Hassel when business was concluded.

8. **Action Items**

   a. **Baum** will post the approved minutes of SSC #15 in appropriate electronic files.
   b. **Hassel** will send SSC #15 minutes and chair report #16 to senators and campus steering committee chairs.
   c. **Hassel and Baum** will announce results of committee appointments. **Baum** will post as appropriate prior to the beginning of the 2016-2017 term (August 29, 2016).
   d. **Hassel and Baum** will continue to make calls for committee vacancies as necessary.
   e. **Hassel** will update SSC regarding responses to regional/consolidated staff participation in collegium question.