Minutes
UWC Senate Steering Committee
Meeting #1: UW-Fox Valley
Thursday, August 27, 2015
9:20 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.
Room 1264

Present: Greg Ahrenhoerster, Julianna Alitto, Caroline Geary, Holly Hassel, Greg Lampe, Juli McGuire, Graham Pearce, Mark Peterson, Matt Raunio, John Short, and Jeff Verona.

1. Call to order. The August 27, 2015 meeting of the UW Colleges Senate Steering Committee (SSC) was called to order at 9:22 AM by Senator Raunio.

2. Approval of the agenda. The agenda was unanimously approved [Peterson/Alitto]

3. Approval of Minutes for SSC #16 (2015-05-22). The minutes of the May 22, 2015 WisLine meeting of the SSC were approved by unanimous vote [Peterson/Alitto].

4. Business

a. Committee Appointments
   i. Senate BAAS Assessment Committee (Natural Science/Math faculty 2015-2017 term). The nomination for Carrie Tirel, Assistant Professor, Mathematics, UW-Fox Valley was unanimously approved [Raunio/Peterson].

   ii. Senate Teaching Awards Committee. The nominations for Kim Kostka, Professor, Chemistry, UW-Rock County, Wisconsin Teaching Fellow and Valerie Mumm-Jansen, Associate Professor, Spanish, UW-Fond du Lac, Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching, were unanimously approved [Peterson/Raunio].

b. Upcoming nomination calls.
   i. SCC, SAGC, Academic Staff senator, AS Liaisons, USNEC, FAGC,

c. Node Advisory Committee recommendation. (See supporting materials.) Provost Greg Lampe discussed the possibility of making this committee, which is currently an ad-hoc committee a Colleges committee. This committee serves as the oversight body for point to point services for UW Colleges. Provost Lampe expressed that it would be helpful to have the committee be more formal in order to provide input to the Provost. Chair Holly Hassle moved to defer the discussion and assigned Provost Lampe to further investigate the process in making the committee formal without it being a Senate committee.

d. Postpone merit policy revision adoption until November Senate meeting. (See supporting materials.) There was unanimous support to move the merit policy revision adoption until the November Senate meeting [Hassel/Raunio].
e. **Charge to FPSC regarding Tenure Policy Review.** (See supporting materials, or use link to see Appendices and charge.) SSC Chair Holly Hassel raised the issue regarding a review of current tenure policies. She stated that other institutions are reviewing their tenure policies and creating white papers in advance of the April 2016 Board of Regents meeting. She requested a review to determine if our institution needs to do similar work before April 2016. The motion to charge FPSC to review Tenure policy unanimously passed [Hassel/Alitto].

f. **Request to review referendum results.** (See supporting materials.) SSC Chair Holly Hassel moved to charge SAPC with reviewing Chapter 2.10 and examine current policies to determine if we need to specify criteria for passage of a referendum and possibly draft recommendation language. The motion to charge SAPC with this review unanimously passed [Hassel/Alitto].

5. **Other Business.** Caroline Geary, faculty coordinator for the degree reimagining project visited with SSC. She stated that UW Colleges will be examining the degree standards from UW System and determine how they will apply in UW Colleges.

6. **Adjournment.** 10:02 AM

7. **Action Items.**

a. **Baum** will post the approved minutes of SSC #16 in Public Folders and appropriate electronic files.

b. **Hassel** will send SSC minutes and chair report to senators and campus steering chairs.

c. **Hassel** will inform nominees of election results. **Baum** will update listings as appropriate.

d. **Hassel/Verona/McGuire** will make calls for membership as necessary.

e. **Lampe** will study Colleges vs. Senate committee formation.

f. **Hassel and Baum** will place FPP #503 on the November Faculty Council agenda rather than the September agenda.

g. **Hassel** will charge FPSC with as part of their annual work, a “review of the system-level work, what other campuses are doing, and determine whether UWC senate should undertake similar work before April--and if not, identify how we want to proceed with UWC-specific agenda items around tenure once the System Task Force has completed its recommendations (which will be presented at the April Board of Regents meeting).”

h. **Hassel** will inform SAPC of the charge of “reviewing Chapter 2.10 and examine current policies to determine if we need to specify criteria for passage of a referendum and possibly draft recommendation language.”