Minutes
UWC Senate Steering Committee
Meeting #5: UW-Richland, Pippen Conference
Friday, October 24, 2014
10:35 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Present: Greg Ahrenhoerster, Rose Brust, John Carter, Marcy Dickson, Joe Foy, Margaret Hankenson, Holly Hassel, Evan Kreider, Greg Lampe, Mark Peterson, Matt Raunio, John Short, Rose Smyrski, Roseann Stenstrup, Jeff Verona, and Linda Baum

Not Present: Aaron Brower

1. Call to order. The October 24, 2014 meeting of the UW Colleges Senate Steering Committee (SSC) was called to order at 10:52 a.m. by SSC Chair Mark Peterson.

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

3. Approval of Minutes: SSC #4 Draft Minutes (2014-10-02). The minutes of the October 2 WisLine meeting of the Steering Committee were approved unanimously [Hassel/Raunio].

4. Reports

   a. Provost and Vice Chancellor Greg Lampe noted that his report was in the materials. He added that the proposals for sustaining a study abroad program for 2015-2016 were still under consideration. Tim Urbonya is out of the country and Provost Lampe and Vice Chancellor for Administrative and Financial Services Steve Wildeck will wait until he has returned to make a final decision. Provost Lampe also noted that since writing his Senate report, the UW-Stevens Point Senate had approved the revised MOU for the Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences degree completion program. BAAS degree seeking students at UW Colleges campuses that have a signed revised MOU from a partner campus (UW-Waukesha-UW-Parkside, UW-Barron County-UW-Stout, UW-Baraboo/Sauk County-UW-La Crosse, and UW-Marshfield/Wood County-UW-Stevens Point) now have access to the BAAS curriculum at these four UW partner campuses.

   b. Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Joe Foy reported that he had a meeting with BAAS Program Manager Patti Wise and the Senate BAAS Assessment Committee (SBAC) to examine possible models of overall assessment of BAAS. The associate vice chancellor thanked Stephen Schmid for taking on the role of BAAS Assessment Coordinator, and concluded by noting that the models will be moving to the SBAC for consideration soon.

   c. Senate Steering Committee Chair Mark Peterson said that his report could be found in the materials, and deferred until the meeting of the full Senate.
d. **Academic Staff Lead Senator Jeff Verona** related that his report was in the provided materials.

e. **Classified Staff Lead Senator Rose Brust** noted that her report was in the binder of materials.

5. **Business**

a. **Approve 2016-2017 Academic Calendar.** A brief discussion led to choosing the March 27-31 option for spring break. The motion carried unanimously [Kreider/Hassel].

b. **UW-Barron County motions requesting revisions to IP #320 and FPP #503.** The question was raised as to why 40% was used as a cap in FPP #503. Provost Lampe shared the background that formerly there was a very detailed and complicated graded scale, and when this policy began people liked it over the mathematical version. Mark Peterson added that the background he had been told was that if fewer than half of faculty were rated meritorious it was bad, but if 70% were rated exceptional, then meritorious was an insult. It was therefore determined that 60% could be ranked up to meritorious, and 40% were to be ranked higher. Chair of Chairs Greg Ahrenhoerster said that the 40% cap was probably monetary related at one point. Margaret Hankenson offered that the ranking is one thing, and money issues should be kept separate. Hopefully someday there will be a money part that works. Sending Motion 1 to Faculty Professional Standards Committee (FPSC) passed by unanimous vote [Raunio/Kreider]. Holly Hassel said that making the categories of merit parallel had definite merit. AS Lead Senator Jeff Verona noted that merit factors in retention, there are different criteria, and that using a modified faculty form really is not appropriate. He wondered about sending the policy to Academic Staff Personnel Committee (ASPC). Matt Raunio said that changing to the same categories should mean the same limits as faculty, too, such as the 40% cap. Agreeing that ASPC should be consulted, Motion 2 unanimously carried to be sent to FPSC [Verona/Hassel]. Related to the discussion of having faculty and academic staff have the same merit categories, Chairs’ Rep Ahrenhoerster pointed out that it would be helpful to have a “satisfactory” ranking for faculty, too, for those below meritorious yet above unsatisfactory. It was agreed to add asking the FPSC to think about adding “satisfactory” to the merit rankings for faculty as well as consider the two resolutions from UW-Barron County in their overall review of IP #320 and FPP #503.

6. **Other Business.**

a. **Summer Session.** Matt Raunio thanked Provost Lampe for the change to Summer Session dates. Provost Lampe explained the session has been extended into August. They expect some difficulty because many applications come in during August and processing the applications and related work needs to be done as well as dealing with final summer grades, transcripts, and any appeals from summer session. The change is provisional, but should be a boon for developmental programs.
7. **Adjournment.** The October 24, 2014 meeting of the UW Colleges Senate Steering Committee held at UW-Richland was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. when business was concluded.

8. **Action Items**

   a. **Baum** will post the approved minutes of SSC #4 in Public Folders/appropriate electronic files.
   
b. **Peterson** will send SSC minutes and chair report to senators and campus steering chairs.
   
c. **Peterson** will inform Sharon Brickl of the approval of the 2016-2017 AY calendar.
   
d. **Peterson** will steer the UW-Barron County resolutions and SSC comments to FPSC. In looking at IP #320, consult ASPC. In addition, for FPP #503, consider adding “satisfactory” ranking.