

University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire
University Senate Executive Committee

Minutes from March 1, 2022
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Present: Jasmine Case, Grace Crickette, Billy Felz, Abbey Fischer, Kent Gerberich, Elizabeth Glogowski, Marquell Johnson, John Mann, Colleen Marchwick, Jill Markgraf Sean McAleer, Kelly Murray, Geoffrey Peterson, Kristin Schaupp, Pedro Sottile, Ryan Weichelt, Evan Weiher

Absent: Olga Diaz, Patricia Kleine, James Schmidt, Charlotte Sortedahl

Guests: MJ Brukart, Mike Carney, Margaret Cassidy, Mary Hoffmann, Debra Jansen, Teresa O'Halloran, Jean Pratt, Jill Prushiek, Casey Rozowski, Aleks Sternfeld-Dunn, Jake Wrasse

A meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Weiher at 3:01 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 via online (Microsoft Teams) meeting.

- 1) Approval of the University Senate Executive Committee Minutes of February 15, 2022
 - Approved as amended
 - Some clarifications were made under the TTC language
- 2) Review of the tentative agenda for the March 8, 2022 meeting of the University Senate
 - Approved as amended to remove the Business Communication motion
- 3) Open Forum
 - Concern about exams that have not been returned
 - University mail reports to Facilities but VC Crickette will look into this as mail also goes through Housing
 - Senate bills (925: objective quantifiable criteria admission material and 409: where all campuses will have to not have concepts related to critical race theory)
 - Curious if administrators will comment on this on the stance that UWEC has
 - When bills are introduced, then they are circulated for cosponsors and the 925 admissions bill circulated late last month
 - 925 passed assembly on February 23rd but they have since adjourned
 - The senate has one more date to meet, Tuesday March 8, and this bill will likely be passed there
 - With the Senate bill 409, System and Madison provided written and oral testimony to the committee
 - 409 passed the senate as well as the assembly but Governor Evers would most likely veto
 - It could take up until June 1st for these to be addressed by the governor
 - Masking requirement
 - You can ask students for a virtual meeting if they refuse to put a mask on in your office space
 - ORSP
 - Staffing concerns
 - Concern that an individual has left and they have not filled his position so things are not being done in a timely way
 - There is a plan in place for replacement(s) for the vacant positions
 - Overall concern in the difficulty in filling positions as well as the time it is taking HR for permissions
 - Leadership training is taking a lot of time so perhaps this can be put on hold
 - The program is down to 1 hour (down from 3 hours) of training and administration will look at it this summer for more changes
 - UW-Eau Claire is working on a partnership with CVTC, Stout and River Falls that allows CVTC to begin offering an associate of arts degree

- The partnership is focused on building seamless transfer to the 4-year institutions and cooperating more effectively to serve students
 - Will likely be offered next fall but are working on the details now
 - Concern that some felt there was duplication or competition with UWEC-BC
 - Louisa Rice and Billy Felz met with Barron County earlier today
 - Believe we are talking about different audiences
 - Hoping to build some pathways for CVTC as students would take 9 or 12 credits on the UWEC campus plus hopefully continue their education with us after CVTC
 - Things need to be equally transferable
- 4) Continued Discussion on moving the Ethics Committee from the University Senate Executive Committee to the CARE Committee
- The Ethics Committee is not really doing the work they should be doing
 - UWS 8 look s at conflicts of interest and we need to be compliant
 - “Consult when asked” is the language used but certain questions are asked that are in our audit as they want verification, etc.
 - HR is outsourced to shared services
 - This seems like a logical change
 - Outside activities report goes to deans or chairs with supervisors are signing off on them
 - The sampling and the training are currently missing
 - We can only verify to the extent that people disclose it
 - This would be an administrative committee with the purpose to allow VC Crickette to have more confidence in the attestation that she signs
 - Training would be for members of the ethics committee
 - If we leave language in the FASRP then we would still have say in that committee
 - Having trouble on why the Ethics Committee would be doing the sampling or the training
 - An open audit document was shared with the executive committee so we will give them time to read it and therefore, we will come back to this
- 5) Discussion on possible Resolution on Assembly Bill 884
- It is good to be on the record for these types of things as this could harm our accreditation
 - Feb 22nd this passed the assembly and senate
 - Seems like it might make sense to make a statement so Chair Weiher will craft something up for discussion
 - Would be curious to see what Madison did so Chair Weiher will send that out to the Executive Committee
- 6) Announcements
- None

Meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Submitted by,
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