

**University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire
University Senate Executive Committee**

Minutes from September 20, 2022
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Present: Jasmine Case, Grace Crickette, Olga Diaz, Billy Felz, Abbey Fischer, Kent Gerberich, Elizabeth Glogowski, Bob Hooper, Marquell Johnson, John Mann, Robin Miller, Kelly Murray, Kristin Schaupp, Lisa Schiller, Pedro Sottile, Ryan Weichelt, Evan Weiher

Absent: Patricia Kleine, Colleen Marchwick, Nichole Miller, James Schmidt

Guests: MJ Brukardt, Margaret Cassidy, Mary Hoffman, Debra Jansen, Teresa O' Halloran, Nicole Owen, Jean Pratt, Jill Prushiek, Louisa Rice, 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, September 20, 2022 via online (Microsoft Teams) meeting.

- 1) Approval of the University Senate Executive Committee Minutes of September 6, 2022
 - Approved as distributed
- 2) Review of the tentative agenda for September 27, 2022 meeting of the University Senate
 - Approved with addition of Academic Staff Representatives Report
- 3) Open Forum
 - Geoff Peterson's new position as Assistant Vice Chancellor was brought up and numerous concerns were shared
 - Provost said it would not be a Vice Chancellor position and was an assistant to the provost/support staff
 - People would like to know what this position is and what it is about
 - Additional concern noted on how this was presented to the Senate as more clarity and detail was needed
 - Glad we have more than one candidate for filling the Faculty Representative position but that is a big position to fill so we should have had more insight on what the closed session was about
 - Since we have already started the new academic year, some might be limited as they cannot get out of their duties
 - This should have happened over the summer so we could have had more time to adjust schedules
 - We met in August so they should have brought this up then as it makes it seem like a secret
 - Concern that white males are always appointed
 - Concern over a pattern of things being shielded on the agenda then we do not have time to research, talk or think about it
 - People do not like being surprised when it is critical to the institution
 - This was basically an announcement by the provost
 - This needs to be talked about sooner rather than later
 - It is in administrations purview to hire as they choose
 - Human Resources
 - Frustration that we can't get approval for hires
 - We have many issues with HR and concerned over the amount of time it takes to get things done
 - WIFI
 - Campus has had many problems recently with our WIFI
 - We have 2 large controllers and if one goes down then it will go to the other one
 - This will not be ongoing as we know it is a problem with the software and we are fixing it
 - Will put one more patch on so it will hopefully then be stable

- Please notify LTS if you have problems
 - Concerns over the purchasing deadlines that keep getting earlier and earlier
 - VC Crickette stated that we are understaffed
 - Down from 5 people to 2 people, plus our new hires do not have any experience
 - Our regional recruitment team is also overloaded, and System is supposed to help us too but they are overloaded as well
 - Once we are staffed, we need a pipeline, so we can be proactive and not reactive
 - State training takes an entire year
- 4) Announcements
- EDI Newsletter just came out and more may be added to it in the future
 - We used software to see how far of a reach we have
 - We will revisit the strategic plan and it is on the EDISA website for review
 - Will eventually come back to Senate Executive Committee
- 5) Consultation with Chancellor/Administration regarding committee appointments to the University Assessment Committee. Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (c) the committee contemplates going into closed session for the purpose of discussion.

Without objection it was MOVED and seconded that the committee go into closed session under Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (c) for the purposes of discussion.

Motion PASSED without objection by Abbey Fischer, Kent Gerberich, Elizabeth Glogowski, Bob Hooper, Marquell Johnson, John Mann, Kelly Murray, Kristin Schaupp, Lisa Schiller, Pedro Sottile, Ryan Weichelt, Evan Weiher

sMeeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Submitted by,
Tanya Neary
Secretary of the University Senate