

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY
Office of the Provost
University Academic Senate Minutes
March 16, 2009 – Approved April 20, 2009

- I. Call to Order. Invocation by Dr. Sharon Chubbuck
The meeting was called to order at 3:11 pm.
Members Present: Prof. Bruce Boyden, Dr. Sharon Chubbuck, Fr. Michael Class, Dr. James Courtright, Dr. William Cullinan, Dr. Evelyn Donate-Bartfield, Dr. Alexander Drakop, Prof. Edward Fallone, Dr. Marilyn Frenn, Dr. Kristin Haglund, Ms. Kristen Hickman, Mrs. Susan Hopwood, Dr. Jeanne Hossenlopp, Dr. Edward Korabic, Dr. Sarah Knox, Dr. Christine Krueger, Dr. Cheryl Maranto, Dr. Daniel Meissner, Dr. Alexander Ng, Dr. Kristy Nielson, Dr. Anne Pasero, Dr. John Pauly, Mr. Jason Rae, Mr. Raymond Redlingshafer, Dr. Linda Salchenberger, Dr. Siddhartha Syam, Dr. Steven Taylor, Dr. William Thorn, and Dr. William Wiener and Dr. Wanda Zemler-Cizewski.
Member Excused: Dr. Margaret Bloom, Dr. Jadwiga Hjertstedt, Dr. Diane Hoeveler, Dr. James South, Ms. Janice Welburn, Dr. G.E. Otto Widero
Members not present: Dr. Margaret Callahan, Mr. Stephen Hudson-Mairet, Mr. John Jentz, Dr. Lawrence Soley (sub for Dr. Steven Goldzwig).
Guests Present: Mr. Steve Cottingham, Dr. Kerry Egdorf, Dr. Edward Inderrieden, Mr. Dale Kaser, Mr. Roger Lopez (Tribune Reporter), Dr. Phillip Naylor, Dr. Mary Pat Pfeil, Ms. Georgia McRae, and Dr. Jeanne Simmons.
- II. Approval of February 16, 2009 Minutes
The minutes were voted on as revised and passed unanimously (29 yea). Motion passes.
- III. Chairperson's Report – Dr. William Thorn
An annual report was given by the Ombuds Dr. Kerry Egdorf. A prepared handout was given to the senators. Ninety percent of the visitors to the office were women. This is in line with national statistics. She requested that faculty visit her early if there is a potential issue.
- A report on student athletes and NCAA was given by Dr. Phillip Naylor and Mr. Steve Cottingham. Dr. Naylor spoke to group regarding how various responsibilities that his position entails. Mr. Cottingham spoke regarding the academic progress and the graduation rate handout shared with the group. Here Marquette athletics is very committed to making sure that the students have the opportunity to perform well. Athletics currently has a learning specialist, a writing intensive faculty member and three full-time staff members. Athletics is looking at reconfiguring a staff conference room for additional study space for the students. The four senior basketball players will be graduating on time this spring. In the future the coach may receive a score that reflects academic graduation rate reflecting it is a shared responsibility.
- Mr. Cottingham answered a few questions.
- Yes, a six seed is a good seed.
 - The student athletes are distributed across all the colleges with the most in Arts & Sciences.
 - Student Affairs may have the graduation rate of students who participate in club sports.
- Mr. Cottingham invited Senators to call him with questions any time.

IV. Provost Report – Dr. John Pauly

- Many gifts have been received for student scholarships.
- The fire did not do any damage to the new Law School structure.
- The Office of Undergraduate Admission called and offered admission to 140 students from the wait list. Students are slower this year in making deposits, but there is no evidence that students and families are declining at a higher rate. This year there will be more families attending the Ignatius Scholar Dinner. The Honors Program has seen an increase in applications.
- Dr. Lori Bergen has been hired for the Diederich College of Communication. Dr. Hossenlopp will serve as interim dean for the 2009-2010 academic year while a new search is conducted for a dean for the Klingler College of Arts & Sciences
- Assessment focus visit produced complimentary comments about the amount of progress that has been made in a very short amount of time. Three areas that will be reviewed closely at the next visit include 1) a visible strategic plan, 2) faculty participation in issues of governance, and 3) composition of the university assessment group.
- The Trustees on the Academic Affairs Committee have been given more context on the relationship of the various majors and minors that have been approved and discontinued. They also recommended that the university begin to plan for a large number of pending retirements. Currently 45% of the faculty is 55 years of age or older and 58% are 50 years of age or older.

V. Report of Boards and Standing Committees

A. University Board of Undergraduate Studies No report

B. University Board of Graduate Studies – Dr. Edward Inderrieden

Approval of Graduate Certificate in Entrepreneurship. No discussion ensued.

28 senators voted in favor, none voted in opposition, none abstained. The motion passes.

C. Faculty Council – Prof. Edward Fallone

1. Proposal on Faculty Grading Deadline Extension

A road block of extending the deadline is the notification of RWAR request and student time to respond. The process currently allows the student seven days to respond using the postal mail. If email was used it would only need three days. It is not administratively feasible to extend the deadline and hand out diplomas during the graduation ceremony. At the mid-year ceremonies the diplomas are not handed out.

At this time it is not possible to do an electronic audit. Each student file is reviewed by hand. The diplomas are ordered in advance from the printer.

CAPS' input was sought, but its opinion was less than clear—only one rep voted against the proposal, A&S and another college voted in favor, but a majority abstained.

The following was approved unanimously by Faculty Council on March 3, 2009: The deadline for faculty grades should be extended until noon on the Tuesday following the close of the exam period. The purpose of this extension is to give faculty one more day of grading time (and to reinstate the length of the former

grading period).

In order to implement this change, two changes to current University policy are recommended:

1. The appeal period for students who receive a 'Required to Withdraw for Academic Reasons' notification (RWAR) should be shortened from seven days to three days, and appeals should be accepted via email. The current seven day period reflects the assumption that the colleges send the RWAR notification and students will notify the college of their appeal via U.S. mail. Using email for both of these processes will shorten the timeframe without adversely impacting students.
2. The University should anticipate mailing diplomas to graduating students, rather than presenting physical diplomas on the day of graduation. Many universities around the country mail diplomas to graduating students, and changing the policy at Marquette will take unnecessary time pressure off of both faculty and administrators.

20 senators voted in favor, 4 voted in opposition, 4 abstained. The motion passes and gets carried to the Provost.

2. Update on Subcommittee on Retiree Health Benefits will be present at the April UAS meeting. The document will be circulated in advance of the meeting

D. Committee on Academic Policies & Issues – Ms. Linda Milson - No report

E. Committee on Faculty Welfare – Dr. Charles (Steve) Melching - No report

VI. New Business – No Report

The motion was adjourned at 4:38 pm.

Minutes finalized by Dr. Kristy Nielson.