

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY

Office of the Provost

University Academic Senate Minutes

March 10, 2008

I. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 pm. Invocation by Fr. Michael Class, S.J.

Members Present: Dr. Margaret Bloom, Mr. Alfredo Cantoral, Fr. Michael Class, S.J., Dr. Sharon Chubbuck, Dr. Roberta Coles, Dr. James Courtright, Prof. Edward Fallone, Dr. Marilyn Frenn, Dr. Kristin Haglund, Dr. Carla Hay, Dr. Jadwiga Hjertstedt, Mrs. Susan Hopwood, Mr. Stephen Hudson-Mairet, Dr. John Jentz, Dr. Sarah Knox, Dr. Christine Krueger, Dr. Daniel Meissner, Dr. Alexander Ng, Dr. Kristy Nielson, Dr. John Pauly, Dr. John Pustejovsky, Mr. Jason Rae, Dr. David Shrock, Ms. Janice Simmons-Welburn, Dr. James South, Dr. Sid Syam, Dr. Thomas Taft, Dr. Steven Taylor, and Dr. William Thorn,.

Members Excused: Dr. Robert Deahl, Dr. Steven Goldzwig, Dr. William Henk, Dr. Edward Korabic, and Dr. William Wiener.

Members Unexcused: Mr. Brock Banks, Dr. Alex Drakopoulos, Dr. Sriamulu Vinnakota, and Dr. Marianne Weiss

Guests present: Dr. Richard Abrams, Dr. Kevin Gibson, Dr. Heather Hathaway, Dr. Linda Lee, Dr. Gary Levy, Mr. Dale Kaser, and Ms. Lizzie Mytty.

II. Approval of February 18, 2008 Minutes

The minutes were unanimously approved with 30 votes in favor.

III. Chairperson's Report – Dr. Kristy Nielson

A. Nominating Convention

Nominations were made for terms on the UAS (2 at-large), Faculty Council (3), CAPI (2), Faculty hearing Committee (2), Committee on Faculty Welfare (2 Full-Time, 1 Part-Time)

B. Proposed Bylaws Amendments (See Feb. 18th Minutes)

Motion to approve proposed amendments to UAS Statutes/Bylaws passed on a vote of 30 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions

Amendment of the Statutes and Bylaws require a “two-thirds vote.” This language needs to be clarified. Does it mean 2/3 of the UAS membership? 2/3 of of the voting members present? Do abstentions count in that number?

The UAS Executive Committee will draft a motion to clarify this issue.

IV. Provost Report—Dr. David Shrock

The Provost encouraged UAS members to attend the faculty forums with Provost candidates and to encourage their colleagues to attend the sessions.

- V. Report of Boards and Standing Committees
- A. University Board of Undergraduate Studies

Motion to approve:

That instructors be required to post their course syllabi on D2L.

Discussion focused on implementation and enforcement of this mandate

The motion was tabled on a vote of 15 in favor and 8 opposed. The University Board of Undergraduate Studies will be asked to reconsider the proposal.

Dr. Kevin Gibson reported on initiatives being considered to enhance undergraduate advising, including a standardized checklist faculty could use during advising sessions. A suggestion was made that sample syllabi could be made available on department websites so faculty advisors and students could determine differences in the requirements in multiple sections of a course. At this time an advising center is not being considered.

- B. University Board of Graduate Studies –No Report

NOTE: Forum on Graduate Education will be postponed to the April 21st UAS meeting

Dr. Tom Taft distributed a statement outlining the rationale for the forum and some of the issues to be discussed.

- C. Faculty Council – Dr. William Thorn—No Report

- D. Committee on Academic Policies & Issues –No Report

- E. Committee on Faculty Welfare – No Report

- VI. Unfinished Business

- VII. New Business

The meeting was concluded at 4:29 p.m.