

**MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY**  
**Office of the Provost**  
Academic Senate Minutes  
April 16, 2007

1. Call to Order. Invocation – The meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m. Mr. Kail Decker led the group in prayer.

Members Present: Dr. Lea Acord, Prof. Daniel Blinka, Dr. Margaret Bloom, Dr. Jack Brooks, Dr. Sharon Chubbuck, Dr. William Cullinan, Dr. Robert Deahl, Mr. Kail Decker, Dr. Marilyn Frenn, Dr. Steven Goldzwig, Dr. Carla Hay, Dr. William Henk, Ms. Kristen Kamm, Dr. Christine Krueger, Dr. Alan Lacy, Dr. Michael McKinney, Dr. Daniel Meissner, Dr. Kristy Nielson, Dr. Sarah Peck, Mr. Jason Rae, Dr. David Shrock, Dr. Madeline Wake, Dr. William Wiener, and Dr. Wanda Zemler-Cizewski

Members Excused: Dr. Edward Korabic, Ms. Georgia McRae, Dr. James South, Dr. Thomas Taft, and Dr. Marianne Weiss

Members Unexcused: Dr. Richard Marklin and Ms. Julie O’Keeffe

Guest Present: Ms. Lindsay Fiori (Tribune Reporter), Mr. Dale Kaser, Ms. Kimberly Newman and Ms. Mary Pat Pfeil

2. Minutes - Agenda item #4 Executive Committee second paragraph, first sentence should read: The student positions will rotate *as* scheduled. Minutes approved as amended.
3. Provost Report – Distinguished scholars event next week celebrating 125 years of research. All faculty members are invited to attend on Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Today’s enrollment figures which reflect both deposits and cancellations are behind recent trends. A report will be sent to the senators after the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Some students have been removed from the wait list in the areas of Arts & Sciences, Business, and Engineering.
4. Promotion and Tenure Committee  
The motion on emeritus faculty should have read that faculty members are eligible after five years of service.  
**MOTION** – To adopt the revised statutes on “emeritus status”  
**VOTE** –All voted in favor  
**MOTION PASSED**
5. Report on Academic Governance Task Force  
Dr. Goldzwig inquired what the rationale was for 2.5 years of continuous service for University Academic Senate (UAS) membership as listed on Page 14 paragraph B. UAS membership paragraph #2. It was noted that this comes from the existing Committee on Faculty Statutes.

**PREAMBLE & ARTICLE 1 – RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES**

Article 1 is the Rights and Responsibilities for the UAS and is broken into several sections. Section 1 discusses the authority of the Board of Trustees. Professor Blinka explained that Marquette is a corporation run by the Board of Trustees. Nothing in a preamble is binding. Items of importance are addressed in the statutes.

Section 1.0 Title was changed from “Responsibilities” to “Definition of Rights and Responsibilities.” The rewrite of items 8&9 of section 1 were noted as articulating well the UAS part in discussing and providing input from faculty for Provost decisions. It was noted that the faculty will need to be keep abreast of the various deadlines so that their input to the Provost can be timely.

Under the new structure there will continue to be a regular report from the Provost. A different committee will report each month. There may be more executive sessions than in the past.

#### ARTICLE 2 – MEMBERSHIP – SECTION 2.02

A discussion ensued if proxy votes are appropriate. It was mentioned that often the discussion before the vote is extremely important in deciding how to vote. The group also talked about sending an agent in a senator’s place. A straw vote was taken and the sentence stating “A member may vote in person or by proxy given in writing” will be removed. Members must be present to vote.

#### ARTICLE 2 – MEMBERSHIP – SECTION 3.0

Dr. Bloom raised a question regarding who approved an excused absence. An excused absence would be at the discretion of the UAS chair.

#### ARTICLE 3 – OFFICERS – SECTION 1.0 – THE PRESIDING CHAIR OF UAS

Current text does not provide any information regarding term limits. A discussion regarding the length of term and reappoint took place. It was decided that the Presiding Chair could not serve more than five consecutive annual terms and could be elected again after a lapse of two years.

#### ARTICLE 4 – STANDING COMMITTEES

Each committee has criteria specific for that committee on selection of a chair and how long the length of service is.

#### ARTICLE 4 – STANDING COMMITTEES – SECTIONS 4.0 & 5.0.

Dr. Bloom and Dr. Wiener are not the chairs of the Board of Undergraduate or Board of Graduate Studies. Faculty chairs shall be elected and be members of the Senate. If the chair is unable to attend a Senate meeting Dr. Bloom or Dr. Wiener may report.

#### ARTICLE 4 – STANDING COMMITTEES – SECTION 7.0 ADDITIONAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES REPORTING TO UAS.

A discussion occurred regarding the University Assessment Committee being located in Section 703 rather than in Section 702. This area will be reviewed to make sure that the various committees are in the correct sections. Additional information concerning these committees will be included in the final version of the document. The committees and their reporting structure are reviewed by North Central for accreditation.

Please share this document with the faculty in your area. Meeting concluded at 4:38 pm