

FACULTY SENATE MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

1998-99

Constitutional Amendment 1 passed at August 28, 1998 Faculty Senate Meeting, following a written vote of the entire faculty and academic staff.

Approved by Chancellor on 9/28/98

Constitutional amendment #1 adds the School of Business and Economics to the organizational structure of the Faculty for purposes of election of senators (affecting Article VI, Section B(1) of the Faculty Constitution).

Yes=90

No=26

Article VI, Section B(1) will read "The faculty, for purposes of organization, shall be partitioned as follows: the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences; the College of Education and Graduate Studies; the College of Arts and Sciences; the School of Business and Economics; the remaining division is composed of faculty within Student Personnel, University Services and the Library. Each of the five divisions shall elect one (1) senator for each thirty (3) staff members or major portion thereof. An additional seven (7) senators shall be elected from and by the faculty-at-large."

Constitutional Amendment 2 passed at August 28, 1998 Faculty Senate Meeting, following a written vote of the entire faculty and academic staff.

Approved by Chancellor on 9/28/98

Constitutional amendment #2 clarifies and makes consistent the reporting of Faculty Senate election results for both the division election and the at-large election (affecting Article VI, Section C(3e) and Article VI, Section C(4d) of the Faculty Constitution).

Yes=105

No=11

Article VI, Section C(3e) will read "The names of individuals elected to the Senate shall be reported in the Faculty Senate minutes. Upon request, the vote totals shall be available from the Vice Chair of the Senate." Article VI, Section C(4d) will read "The names of individuals elected to the Senate shall be reported in the Faculty Senate minutes. Upon request, the vote totals shall be available from the Vice Chair of the Senate."

Motion 1 (Perkins/Soares) passed at the August 28, 1998 Faculty Senate Meeting.

Approved by Chancellor on 9/28/98

To accept changes #1 through #20 to the faculty by-laws as a group, with amendments to these 20 changes if necessary.

#1 specifies that committee minutes will be on file in the Faculty Senate Office; adds moving them to Archives after three years.

#2 removes "Committee on Committees;" specifies that committee appointments are made by the Senate with final approval by the Chancellor.

#3 adds SBE to Academic Standards Committee

#4 adds SBE to Advising Committee; takes away one member from A&S; removes obsolete titles from membership; adds members from Academic Success Center; changes appointing student board.

#5 adds SBE to Affirmative Action Committee.

#6 adds SBE to Alumni Relations Committee.

#7 clarifies Deans' office representation on the Assessment Committee; adds representation from the office of the Director of SBE.

#8 removes "an effort to strive to have" from description of Athletic Committee; updates titles of committee members and names of athletic associations.

#9 makes the representative from the Art Department one of the six faculty members on the Campus Planning Committee.

#10 changes College to College/School throughout Section J describing the Curriculum Committee.

#11 adds SBE to representation on Faculty, Hearing, Grievance and Appeal Committee

#12 adds SBE to Honors Committee; includes Director of SBE on rotating Deans= representation.

#13 adds SBE to Honors Committee; includes Director of SBE on rotating Deans= representation.

#14 adds SBE to the International Studies Committee

#15 adds SBE to Legislative Advisory Committee; removes stipulation that Executive Committee member be chair.

#16 adds SBE to the Public Relations Committee; clarifies language in 3c.

#17 adds SBE to Visiting Professor Committee.

#18 adds SBE to Audit and Review Committee.

#19 adds SBE to Long Range Planning Committee.

#20 removes at-large member from University Budget Committee.

Motion 2 (Seefeldt/Caskey) passed at the August 28, 1998 Faculty Senate Meeting.

Approved by Chancellor on 9/28/98

To amend by-laws change #4 to keep two faculty from the college of Arts and Sciences as members of the Advising Committee and to add one faculty member from the School of Business and Economics.

Motion 3 (Leake/Borup) passed at the August 28, 1998 Faculty Senate Meeting.

Approved by Chancellor on 9/28/98

To amend by-laws change #15 to keep a member of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee on the Legislative Advisory Committee, but to strike the requirement that this person be the chair of the Committee.

Motion 4 (Nolte/Perkins) passed at the August 28, 1998 Faculty Senate Meeting.

Approved by Chancellor on 9/28/98

To separate by-laws changes #18, #19, and #20 from the deliberations of the total group of by-laws changes because they are Administrative Committees. Changes to the make-up of these committees require administrative input.

Resolution 1 passed at the October 7, 1998 Faculty Senate Meeting.

To Chancellor Thibodeau:

The Faculty Senate disagrees with your decision to implement the instructional staff policy establishing a 15-credit workload and limit to the length of contract for temporary academic staff without formal input from the Senate. According to Wis.Stats. 36.09 "the faculty shall have the primary responsibility for academic and educational activities and faculty personnel matters." teaching loads are critically related to "academic and educational activities." Further, the process that you followed did not conform to the existing planning process. Consequently, the Senate recommends that you suspend this policy.

Motion 5 (Caskey/Croonquist) passed at the October 7, 1998 Faculty Senate Meeting.

Approved by Chancellor on (pending)

To have the Academic Programs and Policy Committee review and make recommendations concerning redundancy of Faculty Senate committees, Reach for the Future Committees, and administrative committees.

Motion 6 (Trecter/Mulvey) passed at the October 7, 1998 Faculty Senate Meeting.

Approved by Chancellor on (pending)

To amend the motion to have the Faculty Senate Executive Committee first review the Faculty Senate committee structure and then work with upper level administrators to review redundancy and make recommendations concerning Faculty Senate, Reach for the Future, and administrative committees.

Motion 7 (Borup/Leubke) passed at the October 21, 1998 Faculty Senate Meeting.

Approved by Chancellor on 11/12/98.

To approve the new drop/add policy that is part of the new web based registration procedures.

Motion 8 (Swanson/Perkins) passed at the October 21, 1998 Faculty Senate Meeting.

Approved by Chancellor on 11/12/98.

To approve the new interdisciplinary minor in film studies.

Motion 9 (Mogen/Foust) passed at the October 21, 1998 Faculty Senate Meeting.

Disapproved by Chancellor on 11/12/98.

To have the Faculty Senate send the letter drafted by Faculty Welfare and Personnel Policy Committee voicing concerns about the new Instructional Academic Staff Policy to the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor.

Following a series of friendly amendments, the letter was edited to read as follows:

To: Chancellor Thibodeau and Vice Chancellor Milam

From: The Faculty Senate

Subject: Academic Staff on Terminal Contracts

As you both may already know, the Faculty Senate has expressed its concern with the new Instructional Academic Staff Policy (issued 8/26/98). The Faculty Senate has asked the Faculty Welfare and Personnel Policy Committee to look further into the matter and report back to them as soon as possible.

At present, the Faculty Welfare Committee is formulating a response to this new policy. However, this effort will take time and in the meantime some long-serving and hard working academic staff are working under fixed-term contracts. Obviously those people cannot wait for us to come up with our response and they will have no choice but to begin looking for employment elsewhere.

We trust that, in support of Wisconsin's faculty governance Statute 36.09, the administration will agree to suspend implementation of this policy until Faculty Senate and the Faculty Welfare Committee have time to respond to the August 26 policy statement.

In regard to the matter mentioned in paragraph two, we are asking that the four people listed below, who have been here five years, may remain in the academic staff hiring pool. The affected academic staff are:

Tamia Trulson - Ag. Education

Grace Thornhill - Biology

Lydia Schultz - English

Karen Boettge - Math and C.S.

We ask that you respond to the Faculty Senate regarding this request by November 13, 1998. The Faculty Welfare Committee will finish its work on this issue this year.

Motion 10 (Seefeldt/George) passed at the October 21, 1998 Faculty Senate Meeting.

Approved by Chancellor on 11/12/98.

To accept by acclamation the following resolution prepared by the GLBT Committee:

Whereas Matthew Shepherd, a student from the University of Wyoming, lost his life through what appears to be an act of bigotry and hatred,

Whereas silence in response to acts of bigotry encourages other acts of bigotry and hatred,

Be it resolved that:

The Faculty Senate of UW-River Falls affirms its commitment to UW-River Falls being an inclusive community where every person, regardless of sexual orientation, is free to learn and live in a safe environment free of hatred and intolerance.

Motion 11 (Perkins/ Borup) passed at the November 4, 1998 Faculty Senate Meeting.

Approved by Chancellor on 11/25/98

To change the name of the Cartography Minor to "Geographic Information System (GIS) and Cartography Minor".

Motion 12 (Perkins/Tabesh) passed at the November 18, 1998 Faculty Senate Meeting.

Approved by Chancellor on 12/17/98

To accept revisions to the Outdoor Education minor.

Motion 13 (Caskey/Madsen) passed at the November 18, 1998 Faculty Senate Meeting.

Approved by Chancellor on 12/17/98

To accept the Academic Programs and Policy Committee's revised criteria for diversity courses.

Evaluation Criteria for Reviewing Courses to Meet the Diversity Requirement :

1. The course proposal should clearly delineate how the course will meet the 3-credit diversity requirement. (See p.6 of the 1997-99 catalog.)
2. The course should include objectives related to diversity which are concrete, informative, and closely tied to the course outline.
3. Course content should focus on one or more of the following racial/ethnic groups: (a) African American ; (b) Hispanic/Latino; (c) Asian American ; (d) American Indian
4. Course content should focus on the experience of one or more of the above four groups in the United States.
5. The course should be discipline-based, or may be interdisciplinary, and should be approached from a thematic or conceptual basis, linked to the particular groups. Some examples of a thematic or conceptual base may include: (a) social class differences; (b) equity and equality; (c) justice; (d) politics; (e) public policy; (f) demographics; (g) attitudes; (h) bilingualism; (i) creativity; (j) environment; (k) multiculturalism.
6. The course proposal should include a 1-2 page annotated bibliography.

Individuals preparing proposals should be aware of the following language in the UW System Administrative Guidelines for Creating a Five-Year Plan (1998-2003) related to Plan 2008: Educational Quality Through Racial /Ethnic Diversity, p.4-#7, which reaffirmed the intent of the diversity course requirement in the earlier Design for Diversity plan (1987-97). The guidelines state:

7. "The three-credit graduation or general education requirement for coursework in African American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian American and American Indian topics continues unchanged. Courses on international issues, or on topics related to women, or to gay, bisexual, lesbian, trans-gender groups, or the economically disadvantaged complement this ethnic studies requirement. They are not a substitute for it. Additional institutional course requirements may also be developed to complement this requirement, thereby enhancing the educational experience for students."

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Motion 14 (Madsen/Perkins) passed at the December 9, 1998 Faculty Senate Meeting.

Approved by Chancellor on 2/6/99

To accept the following revisions to the Long Range Plan:

Goal IV, Objective A, revise due date to 1/1/99

Goal IV, Objective A, Action 1- drop from plan

Goal IV, Objective A, Action 2- Change "each class week " to "as appropriate"

Goal X, Objective C, Action 5- drop from plan

Goal X, Objective D, Action 4- drop from plan

Goal X, Objective D, Action 9- drop from plan

Motion 15 (Perkins/Trechter) passed at the December 9, 1998 Faculty Senate Meeting

Approved by Chancellor on 2/6/99

To approve a new option (sub-major) within the Agricultural Engineering Technology major to be called "Mechanized Systems Management Option."

Motion 16 (Luebke/Tabesh) passed on December 9, 1998 Faculty Senate Meeting

Approved by Chancellor on 2/6/99

To approve the change in name of the Sociology Department to the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice.

Motion 17 (Swanson/Jermal) passed at the January 27, 1999 Faculty Senate Meeting

Approved by Chancellor on (pending)

To accept the 2000-2001 calendar as proposed by the Calendar Committee.

Motion 18 (Borup/Madsen) passed at the February 24, 1999 Faculty Senate Meeting

Approved by Chancellor on 3/18/99

To accept proposed changes to the Athletic Coaching Minor.

Motion 19 (Perkins/Caskey) passed on February 24, 1999 Faculty Senate Meeting

Approved by Chancellor on 3/8/99

To accept the two proposed options for the Economics Major, Option A: College of Arts and Sciences and Option B: School of Business and Economics.

Motion 20 (Borup/Luebke) passed at the February 24, 1999 Faculty Senate Meeting

Approved by Chancellor on 3/8/99

To accept the following undergraduate transfer policy as proposed by the Academic Programs and Policy Committee: A maximum of 72 semester credits earned at the UW Colleges or other accredited junior college or other two-year college will be accepted as degree credits at UW-

River Falls. All students must meet the degree requirements of their degree program program and the 30 credit UW-River Falls residency requirement.

Motion 21 (Perkins/Borup) passed at the February 24,1999 Faculty Senate Meeting

Approved by Chancellor on 3/18/99

To accept the following definition of sub-major as proposed by the Academic Programs and Policy Committee: Sub-majors shall include a minimum of nine credits of courses from the entitled major with additional credits based on curricular need. All currently approved sub-majors remain as they are.

Motion 22 (Madsen/Perkins) passed at the February 24, 1999 Faculty Senate Meeting

Approved by Chancellor on August 9, 1999.

To approve the following resolution:

The University of Wisconsin at River Falls is dedicated to a high quality undergraduate education. The delivery of such an education depends upon the retention of a high quality faculty. The Faculty Senate at the University of River Falls resolves that:

- 1) because the proportion of the University's budget currently used to support salaries is lower than all but one of the comprehensive universities in the UW-System,
- 2) because the productivity of the faculty and staff at UW-River Falls as measured by student contact hours per full time equivalent and other indicators is about average when compared to other comprehensive universities in the UW-System,
- 3) because University of Wisconsin at River Falls is currently negotiating with System for an increase to our base budget to reflect the higher enrollments we are experiencing, which would reduce the percentage of our budget going to support salaries even further, and
- 4) because one of the primary prospective uses for additional funding reallocated from salaries would be to support the library and UW-System currently has an initiative to increase library funding, which could result in more than \$300,000 of additional funding for our library,

therefore, be it resolved that Chancellor Thibodeau halt the anticipated continued reallocation of salary line funds to the S & E fund line. The need for additional reallocations can be considered, in consultation with the Deans and the Faculty, when points 3 and 4 are resolved.

Motion 23 (Nolte/Caskey) passed at the March 10, 1999 Faculty Senate Meeting

Approved by Chancellor on 3/31/99

To modify the Senate Committee Structure.

Motion 24 (Tretcher/Reavill) passed at the March 10, 1999 Faculty Senate Meeting

Approved by Chancellor on 3/31/99

To make amendment 1 related to the modified committee structure to combine the Legislative Advisory, Public Relations, and Alumni Relations Committees into one committee named the External Relations Committee. This committee shall have the following structure and duties:

Membership: Six faculty members with at least one representative of the three colleges, the School of Business and Economics, and the Fourth Division; the Chancellor's designee; the News Bureau Director(ex officio, non voting); the Director of Publications (ex officio, non voting); the Director of Development and Alumni Relations (ex officio, non voting), and a representative from Student Senate.

Term of Office: 3 year staggered terms for faculty; two years for the Student Senate representative.

Duties:

- a. To increase Faculty and Staff awareness of important actions being proposed at the state level.
- b. To assist with Faculty and Staff contact with appropriate state officials.
- c. To improve the state Government's knowledge of the effects of their actions on the students and staff at UW-RF.
- d. To actively evaluate current public relations efforts.
- e. To initiate activities and publications which enhance the public relations of the university.
- f. To maintain communications and the exchange of information between the university's and college's public relation's committees and the administration.
- g. To seek out public relations ideas from members of the university community to promote a total effort in maximizing effective positive image.
- h. The committee shall be responsible for recommending and inviting the speakers for the Fall and Spring Commencement exercises and shall coordinate this effort with the offices of the Registrar and the Chancellor.
- i. To function as the Honorary Degree Committee.
- j. To advise the Director of Alumni and Development on activities relating to alumni concerns and events such as homecoming, Alumni Weekend, and chapter meetings.
- k. To seek nominations for the Distinguished Alumnus Award based on outstanding professional achievement and contributions to society. To forward a recommendation for this award to the Chancellor for final approval.
- l. To seek nominations for the Outstanding Service Award and to forward recommendations for this award to the Chancellor for final approval. Those eligible are persons outside of the

university community who have made exemplary contributions to UW-River Falls through their support of our goals and their volunteer efforts on our behalf.

Motion 25 (Perkins/Borup) passed at the March 10, 1999 Faculty Senate Meeting

Approved by Chancellor on 3/31/99

To accept the proposed changes to the International Studies Minor.

Motion 26 (Perkins/Foust) passed at the March 10, 1999 Faculty Senate Meeting

Approved by Chancellor on 3/31/99

To approve the Decision Sciences Minor in the School of Business and Economics.

Motion 27 (Borup/Luebke) passed at the March 24, 1999 Faculty Senate Meeting

Approved by Chancellor on April 27, 1999

To make amendment 2 related to the modified committee structure to change the name of the International Studies Committee to International Programs Committee and Change its membership, duties, and terms of office. The description is as follows:

Membership: The International Coordinator from each college/school, one faculty member from each college/school, a representative from the Study Abroad Program from each college/school, the Director of International Programs, the Director of the International Studies Minor, the Coordinator of the International Program Services, and two students. All members have voting rights.

Term of Office: Four years for faculty with one-fourth being appointed each year; two years for students with one-half being appointed each year.

Duties:

- a. Periodically review the UW-RF academic standards for students participating in international study programs.
- b. Periodically review the UW-RF standards for faculty leadership and student selection in international study programs.
- c. Periodically review existing study abroad/international programs to ensure that they are consistent with the committee's, university's, state's and federal standards.
- d. Periodically review and make recommendations pertinent to brochures and the materials which describe international study opportunities available to UW-RF students.
- e. Periodically review, recommend, and encourage internationalization of the curriculum.

f. Periodically review standardized student and faculty training, orientation, and information to include issues related to study abroad legal liability, insurance coverage, emergency situations, personal expense responsibilities, and other concerns.

Motion 28 (Perkins/Foust) passed at the March 24,1999 Faculty Senate Meeting

Approved by Chancellor on April 27, 1999

To make amendment 3 related to the modified committee structure to eliminate the Campus Planning Committee as a Senate Committee and to recommend to the Chancellor to establish a faculty/administrative committee for Campus Planning.

Motion 29 (Reavill/Borup) passed on March 24,1999 Faculty Senate Meeting

Approved by Chancellor on April 27, 1999

To made amendment 4 related to the modified committee structure to eliminate the Honors Committee.

Motion 30 (Tabesh/Borup) passed at the March 24,1999 Faculty Senate Meeting

Approved by Chancellor on April 27, 1999

To offer the Marketing Communication major in the School of Business and Economics.

Motion 31 (Harred/Hendrickson) passed at the April 14, 1999 Faculty Senate Meeting

Approved by Chancellor on May 13, 1999

To accept the revised description for the Instructional Improvement Committee. The new description is:

1. Membership: Seven faculty, the Provost/Vice Chancellor or the Provost/Vice Chancellor's designee, the faculty representative to the Undergraduate Teaching Improvement Council, the chair of the Teaching Committee of the Faculty/Academic Staff Development Board, the chair of the University-wide Initiatives Committee, and three students.
2. Term of Office: Three years, with two or three appointed each year in accordance with the number of vacancies occurring; one year for students.
3. Duties:
 - a. To initiate and conduct such activities that might be of general value to the faculty in order to enhance teaching and learning.
 - b. To work cooperatively with the Faculty/Academic Staff Development Board to implement specific programs consistent with duty a., such as helping to plan the programs for fall and spring faculty development days.

Motion 32 (Luebke/Madsen) passed at the April 14, 1999 Faculty Senate Meeting

Approved by Chancellor on April 29, 1999

To accept the following pay plan distribution guidelines as proposed by the Faculty Salary Committee: pay plan allocations for the 1999-01 biennium be distributed according to the following guidelines: one-third for merit/market considerations, and two-thirds for solid performance.

Motion 33 (Soares/Madsen) passed on April 14, 1999 Faculty Senate Meeting

Approved by Chancellor on May 13, 1999

To endorse the following recommendation from the Instructional and Learning Technology Committee: To meet the need for broader access to Permanent Technology Enhanced Classrooms, campus policy should give top priority to the development of permanent medium-sized TECs that seat from 25 to 40 persons for the next three years, and reevaluate the needs at the end of that period.

Motion 34 (Borup/Soares) passed at the April 14, 1999 Faculty Senate Meeting

Approved by Chancellor on May 13, 1999

To require that any Senate agenda item to be included as a new business action item must be forwarded to the Senate chairperson and secretary at least 48 hours before the Senate meeting.

Motion 35 (Soares/Croonquist) passed at the April 28, 1999 Faculty Senate Meeting

Approved by Chancellor on May 25, 1999

To amend the motion to accept the Resolution regarding Academic Staff and Faculty Senate to instead refer the resolution to an ad hoc committee consisting of the following members: five faculty appointed by the Faculty Senate, five academic staff members appointed by Academic Staff Council, and one administrative representative appointed by the Chancellor. This committee will study all possible governance structures and recommend an optimal governance structure for the campus. The committee should complete the majority of this work during the Fall 1999 semester. The Senate will act upon the committee's recommendation. If this action requires a change to the Faculty Constitution, then steps outlined in the Article VII of the Constitution will be followed to ratify the Constitution.

Motion 36 (Harred/Luebke) passed at the April 28, 1999 Faculty Senate Meeting

Approved by Chancellor on May 20, 1999

To combine the duties of the Affirmative Action Committee and those of Faculty Welfare and Personnel Policies Committee. The new description for this committee is:

Faculty Welfare and Personnel Policies Committee

1. Membership: Seven Faculty with at least one each from the following: Academic staff and/or the rank of Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor: and two students. The Assistant to the Chancellor of Equity and Compliance is an ex-officio, non-voting member.

2. Term of Office: Three years, with two or three appointed each year in accordance with the number of vacancies occurring.

3. Duties:

a. To develop, continuously evaluate, recommend, and inform the faculty of policies and procedures relating to the following:

1. Equity and Compliance

2. Appointments and dismissal (academic year, summer, and extension)

3. Promotions and determination of rank

4. Personnel evaluations and recommendations

5. Tenure

6. Sick leaves, leaves of absence, faculty development leaves, etc.

7. Faculty working conditions

8. Fringe benefits

b. To consider and recommend such additional guidelines and/or policies as may be conducive to faculty welfare.

c. To consult with the Executive Council of the Student Senate on items of mutual interest involving (1), (2), (3), (4) and(5) under a. above.

d. To provide to any member of the unclassified staff, consultation and advice on the application of the Wisconsin Administrative Code, Chapter UWS 8, Unclassified Staff Code of Ethics.

e. To develop policies and procedures which shall, at a minimum, provide:

1. Standards concerning the use of University facilities and personnel in connection with outside activities;

2. Standards concerning absence from regular duties for the purpose of engaging in outside activities;

3. Guidelines identifying types or categories of outside activities which may result in a material conflict of interest; and

4. For such reports of anticipated outside activities as are necessary to insure compliance with UWS 8.04

f. To develop and monitor the use of an instrument to report outside interests and activities of faculty and academic staff as required under UWS8*.025

Motion 37 (Trechter/Madsen) passed at the April 28, 1999 Faculty Senate Meeting

Approved by Chancellor on May 25, 1999

To revise the description of the duties of the Academic Programs and Policy Committee. The new description for this committee is:

1. Membership: Nine faculty, the Provost/Vice Chancellor or the Provost/Vice Chancellor's designee, and four students.
2. Term of Office: Three years for faculty, one-third to be appointed each year; one year for students.
3. Duties:
 - a. To establish the goals and objectives of the University curriculum.
 - b. To examine and evaluate the overall curriculum of the University for possible improvements, to recommend revisions, and to initiate suggestions for study and action.
 - c. To examine and recommend to the Faculty Senate proposals for new minors, majors, general education diversity courses and any other new academic programs. [FS 93/94 #15]
 - d. To examine and promote the development of new, experimental, and innovative curricular programs and offerings.
 - e. Examine and recommend to the Faculty Senate proposals for substantial changes to current majors and sub-majors.
 - f. The Assessment Committee will assess General Education every 10 years. The next assessment will begin in the 2002-2003 academic year.
4. Procedure: The committee shall, in consultation with the Provost/Vice Chancellor, coordinate University-wide programs as specified under "Duties" above and require reports from faculty responsible for conducting such programs as requested.
5. Flow Chart for the Academic Policy and Program Committee (Academic policies and programs may be initiated at any level).
6. Recommendations dealing with general education, diversity, new programs and majors/minors are approved by Academic Programs and Policy, Faculty Senate, the Provost/Vice Chancellor, and the Chancellor, in that order. [FS 93/94 #14]

Motion 38 (Borup/Reavill) passed at the April 28, 1999 Faculty Senate Meeting

Approved by Chancellor on May 25, 1999

To revise the description of the duties of the Assessment Committee. The new description will be:

1. Membership: Provost/Vice Chancellor (or representative), two students (appointed by Student Senate), six Faculty/Staff (appointed by Faculty Senate; all five divisions represented), and one representative from each Dean's/Director's office [FS 98-99 #3] (ex-officio non-voting).
2. Term of Office: Three years for each faculty, one-third to be appointed each year; one year for students.
3. Duties:
 - a. Examine the University's assessment effort in light of the select mission and nature of UW-RF.
 - b. When necessary, propose changes in the assessment effort to the Faculty Senate.
 - c. Identify sources of necessary resources for assessment efforts.
 - d. Provide Faculty input into University reports on assessment.
 - e. To assess General Education every 10 years. The next assessment will begin in the 2002-2003 academic year. The Assessment Committee's plan will be approved by AP&P.

Motion 39 (Seefeldt/Tabseh) passed at the April 28, 1999 Faculty Senate meeting.

Approved by Chancellor on August 3, 1999.

To accept the recommendation from the Advising Committee to initiate an Advisor of the Year Award.

An academic advisor of the year award will be presented annually. The method of selection and presentation is as follows:

1. The recipient will be selected by polling the current class, third year graduates and fifth year graduates.
2. The nomination materials will be sent out in the same package as those for the distinguished teacher award.
3. Each member of these classes is invited to make a nomination for the award. Space will be provided on the nomination materials to record the nominators' comments on their selection. The advising committee will collect the results.

4. The committee's selection will not solely be based on the number of nominations received but will also take into account students' and alumni comments in order to address the disparity in advising loads in different departments.
5. The committee's recommendation will be sent to the Chancellor. The committee will forward to the chancellor one name per year for an award.
6. Of the nominations, the only name to be announced will be that of the advisor selected for the award.
7. The award presentation will be made at the Senior- Alumni-Faculty Banquet. It is recommended that a monetary prize accompany the award.
8. An advisor may receive the award only once.
9. The Advising Committee will evaluate the comments made on the nomination materials to gain insight on what seniors and alumni consider to be criteria for outstanding advising. This will further allow the committee to focus on ways to improve advising on campus.

Motion 40 (Soares/Luebke) passed at the April 28, 1999 Faculty Senate meeting.

Disapproved by Chancellor on October 1, 1999

To accept the resolution from the Faculty Salary Committee to restrict the Chancellor's withholding of discretionary funds from the 1999-2001 Pay Plan to 9.6% of the total pay plan rather than a constant 0.5% of one of the percentage points.

Motion 41 (Trechter/Tabesh) passed at the April 28, 1999 Faculty Senate meeting.

Approved by Chancellor on May 25, 1999

To accept the recommendation from AP&P to change the UWRF Program Approval Form to provide a place on the form to record consultation with library staff concerning the collection needs of the new program.

Motion 42 (Borup/Harred) passed at the April 28, 1999 Faculty Senate meeting.

Approved by Chancellor on May 25, 1999

To accept the recommendation from AP&P to change the name of the Dance minor to "Dance Education."

Motion 43 (Soares/Borup) passed at the April 28, 1999 Faculty Senate meeting.

Approved by Chancellor on May 25, 1999

To accept the resolution from the Executive Committee to add faculty representatives from the three colleges and the SBE to the Enrollment Management Committee.

Motion 44 (Caskey/Hendrickson) passed at the May 12, 1999 Faculty Senate meeting.

Approved by Chancellor on May 25, 1999

To appoint the following faculty members to the Ad Hoc Committee on Governance:

Brian Schultz
David Trechter
Suzanne Hagen
Faye Perkins
Sandy Soares

Motion 45 (Borup/Madsen) passed at the May 12, 1999 Faculty Senate meeting.

Approved by Chancellor on May 25, 1999

To approve the Earth Science Education submajor in the Geology Major in the Department of Plant and Earth Science.

Motion 46 (Madsen/Seefeldt) passed at the May 12, 1999 Faculty Senate meeting.

Approved by Chancellor on May 25, 1999

To accept the following policy regarding student absence for university sanctioned events proposed by the Academic Standards Committee and Athletic Committee:

Students will not be penalized for missing class in order to participate in university sanctioned events. If class attendance is a requirement, missing a class in order to participate in a university sanctioned event will not be counted as an absence. Such absences do not relieve the students of any of their class responsibilities (e.g., homework, exams, lecture notes, etc.). Students are responsible for completing course requirements that are due on the dates of university sanctioned events per prior agreement with instructor.

A university sanctioned event is defined to be any extracurricular event (e.g., educational field trips or conferences, theatrical performances, intercollegiate athletic contests, musical performance or tours, etc.) as approved by the Provost.

Departments sponsoring such events are responsible for obtaining the Provost's approval prior to an event for it to be determined as sanctioned. Prior written notice of the student's absence due to a university sanctioned event will be provided to the instructor by the sponsoring department.

Motion 47 (Croonquist/Cooper) passed at the May 12, 1999 Faculty Senate meeting.

Approved by Chancellor on May 25, 1999

To unanimously accept the following resolution:

WHEREAS

Gerald Nolte has served 25 of the last 26 years on Faculty Senate,

And WHEREAS

Gerald Nolte has been parliamentarian, disciplinarian, and conscience of the Senate for all these years,

And WHEREAS

Simply because he plans to retire at the end of the next academic year he has decided to serve no longer on Faculty Senate,

And WHEREAS

Faculty Senate thinks it can function without Gerald Nolte, though it is not sure how,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Faculty Senate extend its heartfelt thanks to Gerald Nolte for his tireless service,

And BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT

Faculty Senate wish Gerald Nolte an outstanding final year at UW-RF and many happy years in retirement.