

**FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Monday, 6 March 2006- 3:30 p.m.
272 Bascom Hall**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chancellor John Wiley at 3:33 p.m. with 164 voting members present.

1. Memorial resolutions were presented for:

Professor Emeritus David Davis	1892
Professor Dale McConkey	1893
Professor Emeritus Rudolf F. Sirny	1896
Professor Nellie McKay	1894
Professor Emeritus Norman P. Sacks	1895

2. Announcements/Informational Items. Chancellor Wiley commented on the proposed Taxpayer Protection Amendment. If passed, the amendment would limit tax revenues available to the state, and have a devastating impact on the university. Professor Andrew Reschovsky (LaFollette School of Public Affairs) will present an analysis of the amendment to the Board of Regents. That report, "The Taxpayer Protection Amendment, A Preliminary Analysis", is available on-line at www.lafollette.wisc.edu/facultystaff/reschovsky-andrew.html

The chancellor encouraged faculty to discuss the potential impact of the legislation in their departments and for chairs to communicate concerns to their legislators.

3. Question Period.

There were no questions.

AUTOMATIC CONSENT BUSINESS

4. The minutes of 6 February 2006 were approved as distributed.

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5. The chancellor called attention to the report of the nominations of faculty for election to the Committee on Committees. The nominees from the biological sciences division are Douglas Rouse (Plant Pathology, District 17), and Nizar Jarjour (Medicine, District 89). The nominees from the arts and humanities division are Chelcy Bowles (Liberal Studies and the Arts, District 116) and Rachel Brenner (Hebrew and Semitic Studies, District 80).

There were no additional nominations from the floor. Ballots will be distributed to the senators in late March.

6. The chancellor stated that pursuant to *Faculty Policies and Procedures* 2.08.B., the Board of Regents Draft of UWS 7 "Procedures for Dismissal of Faculty in Special Cases" (faculty document 1897) and Legal Questions Regarding the Proposed UWS Chapter 7, submitted by Professor Larry Kahan, Biomolecular Chemistry (faculty document 1898) will be discussed in a Committee of the Whole.

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The chancellor recognized Professor Patti Brennan, chair of the University Committee, who moved that the Faculty Senate go into a committee of the whole and that the discussion end no later than 5:15 p.m.

The motion passed.

At 5:15 p.m. the senate reconvened from committee of the whole.

Professor Larry Kahan moved to return to committee of the whole and that the debate be extended for another ten minutes. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

The committee of the whole rose, and Professor Brennan filed the following report:

Report of the Committee of the Whole of the Faculty Senate on the Regents' proposal for UWS 7

1. The committee finds the regents' proposal deeply flawed, for reasons enumerated in the Faculty Senate document 1898, in Professor Kahan's additional handout and in the objections voiced during our discussion.
2. The committee feels that the approach taken by the regents on this matter violates the spirit of shared governance, in light of the complete lack of prior consultation with university faculties.
3. The committee recommends that the faculty senate reject the regent's proposal as currently drafted.
4. The committee recommends that the University Committee submit a motion at the next senate meeting calling upon the regents to join with representatives of the UW-System faculties to draft a new proposal.
5. The committee recommends that the University Committee appoint an ad-hoc committee of the senate to recommend principles to guide negotiations over revisions to UWS regarding dismissal of faculty involved in criminal conduct. This committee should be instructed to report its recommendations at the next meeting of the senate.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

David Musolf
Secretary of the Faculty