

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

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chancellor John Wiley at 3:35 p.m. with 173 voting members present.

1. Memorial resolutions were presented for:

Professor Emeritus Leroy Aserlind	1936
Professor Emeritus Alfred J. Butler	1937
Professor Emeritus James Aubrey Duncan	1938
Professor Emeritus Edward O. Hugdahl	1939
Assistant Professor Emerita Mary Jane Meng	1940
Professor Emeritus Joseph R. Robinson	1941
Professor Emeritus Larry D. Satter	1942
Professor Emeritus Arthur T. Tiedemann	1943
Professor Emeritus George Nelson Wright	1944

2. The chancellor presented his State of the University address, in which he spoke about increases in student retention and graduation rates, the institution's high ranking as a research university, and the significance/importance of and increases in students' service and out-of-classroom learning experiences. Access is the institution's biggest public relations challenge, followed by current budget concerns and the need to find new sources of funding.

Chancellor Wiley ended his address by urging everyone to vote "no" on the proposed amendment to the state's constitution that would define marriage, noting that all governance groups - faculty, academic staff, students, and the board of regents - have passed resolutions in opposition to the amendment.

3. Question Period.

The chancellor responded to written questions regarding healthcare benefits for domestic partners, the potential threat to the use of accumulated sick days for health insurance payments for retirees (the University Committee also responded to a related question), and the tuition remission surcharge.

The chancellor answered a question from Assistant Professor Paul Toth (District 27, Curriculum and Instruction) regarding the proposed marriage amendment, and another from Professor Richard Knowles (District 55, English) regarding whether the administration would be willing to put pressure on the postal service to restore the university's post office that was lost due to the demolition of University Square.

4. Announcements/Informational Items.

Professor Mathieu, University Committee chair, reminded senators to respond to the committee's web-based survey on issues of concern for which the committee should provide leadership. One of the main goals of the senate's December meeting agenda will be to discuss the results of the survey and decide which issues should be given priority.

AUTOMATIC CONSENT BUSINESS

5. The minutes of 25 September 2006 were approved as distributed.

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CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

6. Professor Mathieu moved confirmation of the appointment of Professor Steve Ventura (Soil Science) to serve on the Campus Planning Committee for a four-year term to represent environmental concerns.

The motion passed without negative vote.

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7. Professor Gail Geiger submitted for informational purposes the Commission on Faculty Compensation and Economic Benefits Annual Report for 2005-2006. 1931

There were no questions.

8. The chancellor called attention to the informational report on the membership of the Faculty Consultative Committee on Financial Emergency for 2006-07 as required by *Faculty Policies and Procedures 6.36*.

9. Professor Louise Robbins submitted for informational purposes the Annual Report of PROFS, Inc. July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006, and urged faculty to become members of PROFS. 1945

There were no questions.

SPECIAL ORDER

10. Professor Mathieu reported on the status of the proposed UWS 7.

There were no questions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. Professor Anatole Beck (District 63, Mathematics) moved adoption of his resolution. 1919

The motion was seconded.

Professor Beck addressed the senate in support of his resolution.

There were several related questions and a comment.

The motion failed by a voice vote.

12. The chancellor asked whether there were any objections to re-order the agenda so that the Draft UW-Madison Criminal Background Check Policy (Faculty document 1946) would be the next item to be considered.

There were no objections.

13. Chancellor Wiley recognized Vice Chancellor for Administration Darrell Bazzell who presented the draft document on UW-Madison Criminal Background Check Policy. 1946

The senators expressed grave concern about the draft policy and conducted a lengthy debate about its provisions. No formal action was taken.

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Due to a lack of quorum, the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

David Musolf
Secretary of the Faculty