

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE ACADEMIC SENATE,
NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 4 December 2007

Presiding: Larry G. Pagel, Chair

Members Present: David R. Boe, At-Large; Krista E. Clumpner, AAUP Liaison; Helen J. Kahn, At-Large; Susan J. Koch, Provost; Alec Lindsay, At-Large; Carolyn J. Lowe, At-Large; Andrew A. Poe, Secretary

Attending: Mitchell Klett, Alan S. Willis

I. Call to Order

Larry called the meeting to order at 3:06 P.M.

II. Additions to/Adoption of Agenda

There was already more stuff on the agenda than the Committee felt comfortable considering this close to the end of the semester. However, Larry added the Graduation List under New Business.

At this point, the Committee jumped straight to item VII A pertaining to the Liberal Studies Forum so that Alan and Mitch wouldn't have to sit through the rest of the Committee, presumably under the debatable presumption that Committee meetings are more boring than the Liberal Studies Forums.

The Committee discussed various Liberal Studies proposals with Alan and Mitch. After some discussion of various proposals, Alan and Mitch agreed to put together three or four potential Liberal Studies models and survey the faculty to see which one goes down the best (or the least poorly). Larry will share the survey, the models, and forum information with the Trustees at their next meeting.

III. Approval of Draft Minutes of Tuesday 20 November 2007

There were no objections to the minutes, other than a minor edit. Ah...the minutes. More on this subject later.

IV. Reports:

A. Chair: No report.

B. Vice-Chair: Not present.

- C. Secretary: Andy got his turn later. This meeting was *all* about the Secretary thang.
- D. Provost: Nothing serious; she is just madly preparing for the upcoming Trustees meeting. Sometimes alumni wonder why things aren't exactly the same as they were when they were students; in particular, the amount of time between matriculation and graduation is causing concern.
- E. ASNMU Report: They don't present at this meeting.
- F. CUP Report of Tuesday 11 December 2007
Passed forward with no discussion.
- G. FGC Report of Tuesday 11 November 2007
It was passed forward. The only discussion concerned the appropriateness of releasing the information in this report to our colleagues before the report is officially accepted (a non-issue to the Secretary who, despite his education, has never really come across the word “discretion”).
- H. LSC Report of Tuesday 11 November 2007
The only question was whether HN362, going up for World Cultures credit was already a Liberal Studies course. (It needn't be to be eligible for World Cultures status, but it turns out it is, in Division II.)
- V. Unfinished Business
As always, there was no discussion of last week's unfinished business. The items below are listed below as a courtesy.
 - A. CUP Report of Tuesday 27 November 2007 (Revised from last meeting)
 - B. GPC Report of Tuesday 27 November 2007
 - C. Motion to Allow 12 “General Elective Credits” for all University Programs
- VI. New Business
Graduation List, already mentioned above. Not really much to say to about it.
- VII. Informal Consideration
 - A. Future Senate Forums on NMU Liberal Studies Program; Schedule of Activities
Already discussed earlier in the meeting.
 - B. Discussion of Extending Date for CUP Proposals
Marilyn Robbert would like to have new proposals by the second week in February so that there is time to get them into the system before classes start in the fall. However, it's not entirely clear what that deadline specifically refers to (approved by Senate, approved by Provost, etc.) The

most useful date for faculty is the date proposals are due at CUP. Laura Reissner will be asked about this.

- C. Update on New Senate Website and Website Training
It is not part of Jeannie's job description to maintain the website, so something would have to be done if we expect her to do it. For now, Larry will send out the documents using that archaic technology "e-mail."
- D. Wording of Senate Minutes
Andy explained in probably too much detail the meaning of the joke in the minutes that offended Harvey Wallace (Chair of HPER) at the last Senate meeting. This led to a somewhat lengthy discussion of what the Senate and the Executive Committee expect from the minutes. Should they be more formal and professional, perhaps? Though it was not unanimous, general consensus was that the minutes should continue in the same fashion as they have always been, though, of course, greater care will be taken to prevent against offense.
- E. Honors Board Resignation
Robbie Goodrich has resigned as Director of the Honors Program. Krista informed the Committee that there were two points of contention between the administration and the Honors Board: one is who runs it, administration or faculty; the other is who is to evaluate the faculty members teaching honors classes. (The administration wants the department to do it; the Board would like some input into the process.) Larry will ask the Honors Board for an update.
- F. Retention
This was a very brief and largely pointless discussion since the Provost had left the meeting by this time. However, Larry observed that if retention is a goal worth pursuing, then we ought to actually be doing something about it.

VIII. Good of the Order
Getting out of here would be very good.

IX. Adjournment: Larry sent us home at 4:52 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew A. Poe, Secretary
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Northern Michigan University