Executive Council Meeting

December 16, 2008, 8:30 am, UW1 211B

Present: Chuck Jackels, EC Chair, Pam Joseph, Bruce Kochis, Pete Nye, Suzanne Sikma

Absent: Kelvin Sung

Phone conference: Dan Jaffe and Arnie Berger

Guests: Mike Stiber, Steve Collins, Colin Danby and Bruce Burgett

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted.

Approval of EC Minutes of November 18, 2008

EC minutes of November 18, 2008 were approved unanimously; EC minutes of December 2, 2008 were approved as amended.

Reports of GFO Officers

A. Vice Chair - Chuck Jackels

Chuck reported on the FCTCP and tri-campus relations. Pat Spakes, UWT Chancellor shared information on discussions at UWT on establishing colleges and schools. Defining the relationships between the 3 campuses leads to questions on budget and autonomy: how independent is our authority on budgetary matters? Although a "systems model" does not represent the 3 campus relationship at UW accurately, we have yet to define our administrative structure in relation to the multi-campus organization.

Chuck met with VCAA Jeffords to discuss the EC review of IAS degree proposals and the EE degree proposal. The EE degree planning NOI has been rejected by the HECB, but VCAA Jeffords has recommended that the EC go forward with their review of the full proposal and she re-assured Chuck that the UW administration would address the HECB's concerns and ask for a re-assessment of their decision. The EC will continue to review degree proposals, moving in a strategic direction in alignment with the UWB 21st Century Initiative. Chuck distributed the "University Campuses Undergraduate Curriculum Coordination" document for reference in the evaluation of proposals brought before the EC. One criterion for consideration is the feasibility/operational viability of degrees being proposed, not only for the short-term, but also for long-term sustainability.

Chancellor Chan will attend the January 27 EC meeting, which will take place after the GFO Forum on January 8. The GFO Forum will discuss the UWB budget.

Reports from Program Representatives. None presented
Reports of Standing Councils/Committees. None presented.

Special Reports. None.

Unfinished Business

A. Proposal to VCAA for making initial faculty appointments in the Science and Technology Program. Discussion followed by anticipated action.

Chuck presented a proposal to the EC for initial appointments for S and T faculty. The proposal submits 3 motions for consideration. The first motion recommends procedures for appointment of the initial set of full professors in the S&T Program, with the understanding that these procedures are for academic appointment recommendations and not for administrative ones. The second motion recommends procedures for the joint and transfer appointments for present UWB associate professors, assistant professors, full time lecturers and senior lecturers to the founding S&T Program faculty. Motion 3 recommends a set of practices for processing joint appointment requests and transfer of appointment requests at UWB.

EC motion

Suzanne moved to pass the motion #1 proposed by the EC Chair regarding the procedures for appointment of the initial set of full professors in the Science and Technology Program of UWB, the motion was seconded, discussion followed raising the following questions:

- The search committee that is proposed to review applications of UWB full professors who wish to move their entire or joint appointments to the S & T Program functions more as a review committee, the language of the motion should clarify this.
- Appointment to a program is based on credentials to that program, how does this differ for a secondary joint appointment?
- Are there implications to Motion 2 from the specifics suggested for Motion 1? Motion 1 is understood to be a temporary recommendation, for one-time action.

EC motion

Bruce moved to amend the original motion by changing some of the language to clarify meaning and intent. In particular, word choices were strengthened to express that this is a policy and not simply a preference. Language was also suggested to clarify the temporary nature of the proposed committee and that all voting rights recommendations would be consistent with the Handbook. The motion was seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

EC motion

Chuck called the question on the original motion as amended. Hearing no objection, he called for a vote on the original motion. The motion carried unanimously. (text below)

The Executive Council of the GFO approves the following procedure for appointment of the initial set of full professors in the Science and Technology Program of UWB, with the understanding that these procedures are for academic appointment recommendations and not for administrative ones:
1. The VCAA shall appoint a temporary committee of full professors from UWB and possibly UWS to serve to review the applications of any UWB full professors who apply to move their entire or joint appointments to the S&T Program. This select committee shall include individuals from among the UWB fulls who are not administrators and who are not expected to apply for initial appointment to S&T but do have expertise broad enough to warrant review of these science applications.

2. The select committee will solicit and receive any applications from UWB full professors. After voting on those seeking primary appointments in S&T, the committee could then consider any full professors applying for secondary appointments. If the committee recommends favorably in any of the latter cases, it will also then decide whether or not to grant voting rights consistent with the UW Handbook to the secondary appointees. As with any faculty appointment recommendations, the committee will forward them to the VCAA, who will then be responsible for endorsing these recommendations to the higher level administration and for any discussion required with the applicants’ present program directors.

Motion 2, dealing with S&T appointments at less-than-full rank, was not pursued to action as the matter will be addressed by Motion 3.

Motion 3 was discussed and is be carried over to the January 13, 2009 EC meeting for action.

New Business

A. Proposal for New BS Degree in Electrical Engineering: Presentation and Discussion - Berger and Stiber.

Arnie Berger presented a draft of the Proposal to the Higher Education Coordinating Board for a New Degree, BS in Electrical Engineering along with a presentation on the proposal. Mike Stiber and Steve Collins also answered questions on the new degree. EC discussion raised concerns regarding demand for the program and fit with the UWB mission and campus strategic plan. Arnie has assembled data for presentation to the HECB to address concerns about the need for the program and the success of student engagement in online courses.

The EC will review and consider the proposal for possible action at the January 13 meeting.

B. Proposal for New BA Degree in IAS: Presentation and discussion of the BA in Global Studies - Danby.

Colin Danby presented the proposal for the BA in Global Studies: this degree addresses questions that cross nations and continents. Colin emphasized the interdisciplinary hallmark of global studies bridging interests in human rights, environmental studies, nursing and health sciences, women's studies, the arts and others.

The EC asked for clarification of the distribution requirements over 200, 300 and 400 levels and will consider the proposal for possible action at a later meeting.
Announcements;

Next Meeting: January 13, 2009, 10AM - noon. Unfinished business includes opportunity to remove from the table the general transfer student admissions proposal; and second readings with possible action on the BA in American Studies and BS in EE proposals.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am
Minutes submitted by Barbara Van Sant