



Report of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Faculty Representative
Thursday, February 14, 2019

A. Items from the UW-System and Board of Regents

1. New program approvals by the UW System Board of Regents [February 8 meeting]:

- UW-Eau Claire: Bachelor of Science and the Bachelor of Arts in Actuarial Science;
- UW-Green Bay: Bachelor of Science in Water Science;
- UW-Madison: Bachelor of Science in Health Promotion and Health Equity.

2. UW System's Response to Feedback on SYS 102 Proposed Revisions

At the Faculty Reps meeting of February 1, Carleen Vande Zande gave the reps a report on feedback the System received regarding proposed revisions to SYS 102 Sec. 6.3. Public comments regarding the System's proposed revisions to SYS 102 were due in December 21, 2018. The UW System received Fifty-two [52] comments, including from individuals as well as from faculty senates.

The most common concerns expressed regarding the proposed SYS 102 policy revisions were the following:

- Proposed revision of Program Monitoring policy lacked a sufficient role for shared governance;
- UW System's proposal of a single metric, namely the use of a hard "cut off" for programs under review, is a weak approach to monitoring;
- Local campus decisions in program elimination is lacking;
- The time-line between identification of "underperforming" programs and follow-up monitoring is too short;
- The policy proposal implicitly targets humanities, liberal arts, and small programs;
- Campus level appeals are preferable to System-level appeals.

According to UW System staff, a number of individuals questioned the need for a program monitoring policy. However, System staff noted that this policy already exists.

B. On the Campuses: UW-Whitewater

Issues with the Chancellor Search, UW-Whitewater

1. **Background.** UW-Whitewater's chancellor resigned on December 31, 2018. The UW System is now in the process of selecting a replacement. This will be the first UW chancellor selected under Regent Policy Document 6-4, adopted by the Board of Regents in 2017. RPD 6-4 changed the chancellor search and selection process in the following ways:

- From a larger to a smaller committee [an 18-member committee under RPD 88-2, to a 10-member committee under RPD 6-4];
- From a majority-faculty selection committee to a committee comprised of 5 regents and 5 non-regents, two of whom are faculty;
- From a committee chaired by a faculty person, to a committee chaired by a member of the UW Board of Regents;
- From a requirement that qualifications for chancellor include an acceptable terminal academic degree and be qualified for tenure within an academic department, to the consideration of candidates not holding the Ph.D or an equivalent academic background.

See: <https://www.wisconsin.edu/regents/policies/selection-process-for-system-president-chancellors-vice-chancellors-and-uw-system-senior-leadership-positions/>

2. UW-Whitewater Senate Action

- The UW-Whitewater Faculty Senate passed resolutions regarding the search process, including a resolution which objected to the short deadline given the senate to nominate and approve faculty to the search committee. In addition, the UWW Faculty Senate recommended that additional faculty be appointed to the committee, as non-voting members, if necessary.
- The UWW Faculty Senate has developed and circulated a petition which outlines key faculty requests regarding the qualification of candidates. The UWW Senate welcomes signatures from non-UWW faculty endorsing its petition. The petition is @ <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/credentials-for-uww-chancellor-position>

3. UW-Stevens Point's *Point Forward*: Update on UWSP's Reorganization Plan

The UW-Stevens Point reorganization plan "Point Forward," issued by Chancellor Bernie Patterson in November, 2018, is still officially under

consideration. An announcement on Point Forward is expected to be made by mid-March, 2019.

<https://www.uwsp.edu/pointforward/Documents/PointForward-November2018.pdf> [can be found at the UWSP campus web page]

C. Progress Toward Post-Graduation Tracking

On Tuesday, December 11, 2018, Natalie Solverson, John Nunley and I met with System VP for Administration Rob Cramer to discuss the possibility of longer-term [3-5 year?] tracking of our graduates. Since our meeting, the UW System and the UW campuses' Institutional Research Directors have been discussing ways that longer-term tracking might be systematically instituted. Both Natalie on our campus and Ben Passmore at the UW System have initiated steps to test ways that we might institute more effective long-term tracking.

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