Faculty Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2014 10:00 AM

Present: Carmen Aguilar, Harvey Bootsma, Michael Carvan, Thomas Consi, Russell Cuhel,
David Garman, Laodong Guo, John Janssen, Jerry Kaster, Jenny Kehl, Rebecca Klaper, Margret
Petrie, Paul Roebber, Matthew Smith, James Waples

Excused: Ramiro Berardo, Frederick Binkowski, Timothy Grundl, J. Val Klump, Sandra
McLellan, Nancy Frank, Laura Grant, Itziar Lazkano, Jhonatan Sepulveda Villet

Invited: Eric Leaf, Nina Ottman, Rob Paddock, Rachel Wilberding

I. Call to order: Dean Garman called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. A quorum was present;
no conflicts were identified.

II. Adoption/Modification of Agenda – adopted as written.

III. Automatic consent: Approval of the April 11, 2014 meeting minutes – there were no
objections and these stand approved.

IV. Old Business

A. Dr. Enrique E. Figueroa’s faculty transfer status was discussed and it was agreed that
no further SFS action is needed.

B. McLellan requested that the seminar discussion be discussed at length during the next
faculty meeting.

V. New business

A. Dean Garman reported that the Executive committee will elect a chair for 2014-15 at
the next EC meeting directly following the faculty meeting today.

VI. Committee action/discussion items

A. APCC
  1. Carvan gave an update on SFS student applications – two applicants were
     reviewed and denied admission.
  2. The Applied Urban Aquaculture undergraduate certificate has been approved
     along with 5 new freshwater courses.
  3. Carvan informed the group that the SFS CAR form for Frshwtr 650 allowing
     students to enroll in more than 9 credits was not approved by UWM GCC.
4. An update on the Ancona collaboration was given. Mario has sought approval for a 1 year delay, which has been granted and the request is to resubmit this as a joint PhD next March. APCC will start the process of requesting a joint PhD.

B. Research Committee
1. Smith reported that the Research Committee met last week and is working through the research matrix. The committee identified key staff and faculty hires to boost the research agenda as well as key equipment. Cuhel stated that he objects to the term “technology based education” and prefers “education with technology.”
2. Smith reported on the discussion of an internal proposal review team to review grants and manuscripts, and the committee recommended that this should be voluntary and not mandatory. Grants can be forwarded to the Research Committee chair for review. All agreed that it is valuable to have internal review of manuscripts given the longer time frame to submission.

C. Planning and Governance
1. Aguilar reported that the curriculum inventory matrix for PhD and MS Thesis programs is complete and was distributed to faculty. Please send suggestions to Aguilar.

D. Executive Committee
1. Guo reported on the EC agenda items for the next meeting directly following this faculty meeting.

VII. Dean’s and Associate Dean’s remarks
A. Garman reported that the upcoming budget discussion will include the university budget, allocation and structure, cuts for next year, and unfunded commitments.
B. A visualization team has been formed and is being led by Roebber.
C. A Green Team has been formed and is being led by Eric Leaf. The team will look at incorporating green infrastructure into the parking lot.
D. Roebber will be on sabbatical in the fall and Boostma will step in as Associate Dean for Academics for the fall 2014 term.
E. Roebber reported that curricular working groups are meeting at 2 pm on Wednesday May 14. All are welcome to attend.

VIII. Announcements and Reminders
A. Ottman distributed the HR report.
B. Petrie reminded the faculty of the graduation event on May 17th.
C. Cuhel noted the lack of attendance at the thesis defense of the first graduate of the Center for Water Policy and encouraged all to attend these talks.
D. Wilberding reported on the web site and stated that loading of content will take place by the end of June. Smith requested that the faculty be shown the site before the end of June.

IX. The meeting was adjourned 11:25 am.