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Well stated, Tom. Jackie, on submajors or minors, there is no role for System in the approval or suspension of those. I would recommend that you consult with faculty governance on those as well, but the decision is one that rests with the Chancellor.

Jim

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Hi Jackie,

Academic Affairs is in the process of amending SYS102 to remove the “approval” language you cite to below in a number of sections and to replace it with language about “review” that reflects the changes to the shared governance statutory sections in Chapter 36 that occurred a few years back. I don’t believe that process has been completed, but Laura or Jim can chime in on that point.

The language in s.36.09(4) on faculty shared governance states that the faculty has “primary responsibility for advising the chancellor regarding academic and educational activities . . .” and that the faculty’s role is “subject to” (subordinate to) the chancellor’s powers. Additionally, the language in s.36.09(3), the chancellor shared governance provision, states that the chancellors “in consultation with their faculties shall be responsible for designing curricula and setting degree requirements; determining academic standards and establishing grading systems . . .” Thus, the statutory scheme seems to envisage that chancellors play a primary role with respect to the curricula, in consultation with faculty, and that would seem to include program array, program suspensions, etc.

Thus, under the statutory language, I believe Chancellor Wachter does make the final call on program suspensions. To the extent that the language re “approval” in SYS 102 conflicts with the statutory mandate regarding the faculty’s “advisory” role in academic and educational activities like the program suspensions you reference below, the statutory language controls.

Have you consulted with faculty shared governance regarding the program suspensions? Both statutory sections noted above contemplate that the faculty be given an opportunity to be consulted and to advise the chancellor.

I think Academic Affairs is best positioned to answer your question about minors/submajors below.

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Jim and Tom,

We intend to suspend some programs at UW Superior. We actually hoped to send out the notice to faculty and staff (and students) tomorrow. It was my impression that our Chancellor could make that call without governance approval **IF we were not intending to issue layoffs or terminate faculty or instructional academic staff**. However, 3.3.2. states we need to send you:

- Confirmation of the approval of the appropriate institutional governance body or bodies; and

What happens if our governance bodies **do not** approve of these decisions??? Doesn't our Chancellor have the final say?

Also, we are under the impression that we can suspend minors (submajors) without getting approval from our governance bodies or by UW System. Am I correct here?

We need to get some sort of clarification from you **before tomorrow morning** as we will be meeting with the department chairs to convey this information.

Thanks!

Jackie

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