

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 28, 2012
Lubar N456
1:00 pm

Present: M. Kunert, D. Misra, M. Parsons (Acting Chair), R. Strickler, C. Walker

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – The meeting was called to order at 1:07 pm and the agenda was approved as amended.

- II. PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD – Student Association (SA) VP Sana Khan joined the committee. She reported the PEC opposed the parking budget and the SA has been discussing issues with Parking & Transit. She reviewed issues discussed with them, noting communications have been problematic. She indicated the SA will be offering a counter proposal to the Parking & Transit proposed budget. Discussion ensued regarding Parking and Transit, modeling, the PEC, the need for an I-Pass-type program, the Athletic budget, Implementation Plan status, Union renovation plans, the need for collaboration between faculty and students on projects, fostering a united environment where disagreement is allowed, polling students on parking, safety and other campus issues, and issues related to free student parking at NWQ.

- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –The minutes of February 21, 2012 were approved as amended.

- IV. SPECIAL GUESTS: None.

- V. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

- VI. MEMBERS’ REPORTS
 - A. Parsons reviewed the Provost candidates’ schedules and the first candidate’s background.
 - B. Misra reported the CEAS Dean Search Committee will meet Thursday to select candidates for off-campus interviews.
 - C. Kunert reported APBC discussed and edited the Budget Model Guiding Principles at the last meeting; their main concern was that the version created by the Budget Model Subcommittee was not clear about academic principles. Discussion ensued regarding variables and simulations, experience/expertise on campus, faculty involvement and shared governance.

- VII. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. UC Rep. for a committee to advise UW-Milwaukee Administration on selection of a consultant in support of the strategic planning process – Walker suggested that perhaps the Budget Model Consultant could help with the strategic planning process. She noted that Interim Provost Britz has indicated there is expertise on campus in this area so a consultant is not needed. Kunert volunteered to serve as UC Rep; she will step down as one of the UC Reps on the BP2W Subcommittee.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Focal Topics for 2011-2012 – No discussion.
- B. Special Task Force on UW Restructuring and Operational Flexibilities – Parsons suggested data that has been gathered in several areas should be forwarded to the Task Force along with another letter from the UC. Discussion ensued regarding tuition increases; the need for funding to increase salaries; the Legislature breaking the social contract with the next generation; the need to make the public aware of and understand the issues; the Wisconsin Dream being incongruent with the American Dream; salaries, resignations, retirements, investment in faculty, and cost of replacements; accountability and productivity measures and who is responsible for determining, overlapping courses, space problems; review of programs, Centers and non-departmental units to determine/prioritize need for potential growth or elimination; the need to study different arrangements/schedules for offering courses (semester vs. quarter and/or year-round schooling). There was general consensus that Holahan would be asked to draft something regarding the intergenerational/social contract and Walker will get information regarding salaries, resignations, and retirements. Parsons reviewed the list of general categories this discussion fell into; there was general consensus that the information could be provided to Regent Falbo as Chair of the Task Force, the Legislature, and the public as needed. Discussion ensued regarding the need to promote the value of higher education and our ability to educate the citizens of the state.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Future Meetings – No discussion.

X. PERSONNEL MATTERS: [Closed session according to Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(f)]:

- A. Update on pending personnel matters – A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to go into closed session at 1:33 pm. The committee rose from closed session at 1:45 pm. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to go into closed session at 3:03 pm. The committee rose from closed session at 3:06 pm.

XI. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 pm.