

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE MINUTES
5/27/03

Present: Marcia Parsons, Chair, Bill Holahan, Ron Perez, Erika Sander, Mark Schwartz
Absent: Laurie Glass, J. Rudi Strickler

- I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda: The meeting was called to order at 1:09 pm and the agenda was approved as presented.
- II. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the 5/6/03 and 5/13/03 meetings were approved as presented; the minutes of the 5/20/03 meeting were approved as amended..
- III. Persons who wish to be heard: None
- IV. Provost's Report:

Provost Wanat informed the UC that the Investment Plan reprint request was being processed and the documents should be available some time next week. They will be distributed to the Regents and to new faculty and chairs at their Fall orientations.

The Provost reported that Chancellor Zimpher would be presenting two themes to the Regents at their June meeting: access and quality. He said that data were being collected from the web based responses to the Chancellor's request for assessment of progress on the Investment Plan. Clarification and more detailed reports would also be obtained from the Deans meeting scheduled for 5/28. Provost Wanat will also be presenting a charter school proposal to the Education Committee. Vice Chancellor Melkus will be presenting to the Business Committee and the Black and Gold Committee will be presenting to the Education Committee.

The Provost reported that nominees for the Secretary of the University position were being contacted this week. Nominees will meet with the UC prior to open public forums. The Provost had nothing new to report on budget, tuition, parking, or sabbatical funding.

- V. Special Guest:

Karla Ashenhurst was invited to discuss several issues before the Legislature. She reported the sabbatical funding bill is circulating but has not yet been introduced. State Rep. Jeff Wood, primary author of the bill, is currently seeking a Joint Finance Committee member to offer it as an amendment to the budget bill. State Rep. Sue Jeskewitz, coauthor of the bill, is not opposed to sabbaticals themselves but is opposed to funding them with tax dollars. She has suggested using foundation funding to support sabbaticals. The \$26 million figure being suggested as a possible savings comes from salary and fringe benefit information for faculty approved for sabbaticals this year. Ashenhurst reported that State Rep. Curt Gielow would be speaking out in caucus to keep current sabbatical funding. He understands it is a quality issue which has long term impact on recruitment and retention.

The committee asked about the three-tier health program being proposed. Ashenhurst reported she has heard very little about this and it won't be part of the current budget bill.

Discussion followed regarding Assembly Bill 264, which could create resident-only parking around the UWM neighborhood. The bill, authored by State Reps. Jon Richards and Alberta Darling, is enabling legislation. It would allow the City of Milwaukee to create ordinances for resident only parking. The Legislators in general feel that this is a local control issue so they may pass the bill to enable the City to deal with it. Ashenhurst testified for information purposes only at a hearing in May and will forward her testimony to the UC.

VI. Chairperson's Report and Announcements:

1. M. Parsons announced the summer meeting schedule as follows: 6/3, 6/17, 7/1, 7/15, 7/29, 8/12. B. Holahan will become Chair effective 8/26. Parsons will email new UC members to invite to attend and observe over the summer. The committee agreed it would make an effort to meet with all faculty committee chairs in late summer or early fall to discuss committee charges and various issues.

VII. Members' Reports:

1. E. Sander reported the ADA Advisory Committee had met. She will forward notes to UC members.

VIII. Old Business:

A. Action Item(s):

1. Overload Policy revisions - The committee agreed to send the memo forward to Sona Andrews regarding their position on proposed overload policy revisions. A copy will be emailed to the Faculty Senate, Economic Benefits Committee, APBC and Academic Staff Committee.

B. Discussion Item(s):

1. ASC Documents - Deferred.

IX. New Business:

A. Action Item(s):

1. 2003-04 Faculty Committee appointments - The committee will share suggestions via email and discuss at the next meeting.

B. Discussion Item(s): None

- X. Personnel Matters: [Closed session according to Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(f)]: Pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(f) at 1:12 pm it was moved and unanimously approved to go into closed session. The committee rose from closed session at 1:17 pm. At 2:04 pm it was moved and unanimously approved to go into closed session. The committee rose from closed session at 3:07 pm.
- XI. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.