

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 29, 2011
Lubar N456
1:00 pm

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

Guests: Steve Garrison and John Parno, UWM Post

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – The meeting was called to order at 1:04 pm and the agenda was approved as distributed.
- II. PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD – None.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of November 22, 2011 were approved as distributed.
- IV. SPECIAL GUESTS^a: INTERIM PROVOST JOHANNES BRITZ – Interim Provost Britz reviewed the status of the CEAS Dean Search and the SCE Dean Search. He indicated that he and Chancellor Lovell had met with the ITPC to discuss reorganization of UITS.

Discussion ensued regarding the budget lapse. Parsons noted the initial email sent by the Chancellor regarding the potential lapse was well done; she suggested that regular updates would be valuable in keeping everyone informed. Britz agreed and will ask Deans to share current information with their departments.

Additional items reported by the Provost included:

- A. He will be in China next week along with the Chancellor to sign two preliminary agreements regarding collaboration/recruitment of students. They will need final approval by the BOR.
- B. A Milwaukee Magazine journalist met with Britz and VC Luljak to gather information for a story on the impact of budget cuts to UWM. Britz also shared with the journalist the Chancellor's testimony to the Wisconsin Senate Committee. Britz indicated additional interviews may be conducted.
- C. The policy document for rehiring retired employees is in final phases.
- D. The Chancellor will be working with governance groups to determine a structure for the Grad School; a search for a new Dean will take place after that. Discussion ensued regarding functions/responsibilities of the Grad School vs. those of Departments/Programs, the purpose of the Grad School, different cultures in different departments, administrative structure of the Grad School and its cost and history, and Graduate Dean control of stipends. Britz will discuss the issues with the Chancellor.
- E. Britz will be meeting with the Vice Chancellors to discuss the budget, IT security, and the campus network.

^a The Committee may go into closed session to discuss personnel matters according to Wis. Stats. 19. cherry-picked 85 (1)(f)

Discussion ensued regarding alumni help as voters, the risk of faculty being enticed by outside offers and the need to get this message out, showcasing what we do vs. complaining about what we've lost, a potential study/survey by Marc Levine on economic development, public perception of the university, alumni communications, photo ID availability for voting, the student proposal regarding parking at the Pavilion, parking signage, difficulty for faculty/staff to find parking, proposals put forward by Holahan and Alan Horowitz, problems related to the Transportation Subcommittee and the PEC, parking as an economic resource, in-car meters, parking revenue, sabbatical issues, and the public perception regarding "double-dipping" when rehiring retirees.

V. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS – Schwartz reported the following:

- A. He received an email from ASC liaison Seth Zlotocha regarding voting rights of academic staff members in non-departmentalized schools, and in particular a request from SFS. K. Kimpel reported the Senate had approved the request at the November meeting. Schwartz asked Kimpel to respond to Zlotocha.
- B. He reminded members he will be in New Zealand December 1-10. Parsons asked that the 12/6 UC meeting begin at 2 pm rather than 1 pm. Kimpel will amend the open meeting notice.
- C. His office and others in Bolton Hall will be moved to the NWQ between Christmas and New Year's. There was general consensus that the UC would not meet on 12/27 nor on 1/3/2012.

VI. MEMBERS' REPORTS

- A. Parsons reviewed the status of the Provost Search. She indicated Search Committee members would begin reviewing candidate applications soon and would be meeting to discuss candidates on 12/15.
- B. Misra reported Rules will meet on Thursday. He indicated they would review use of clickers at Senate meetings. A brief discussion ensued regarding use of clickers in classes and problems encountered with them at the last Senate meeting. There was general consensus that the clarity provided by displaying motions on-screen is beneficial.
- C. Strickler reported the student proposal for parking at the Pavilion had been approved by the Transportation Subcommittee; it must now go to the PEC for approval. He briefly reviewed the proposal and indicated students think it is fair. A brief discussion ensued regarding student membership on the PEC sustainability of revenues, fairness of Pavilion parking coming from all students segregated fees, and user fees vs. access fees.
- D. Holahan reported he attended the CEAS Dean Search Committee and EBC meetings. A brief discussion ensued regarding the Search Firm for the Provost & CEAS Dean Searches; potentially removing school status from SCE; and costs, revenue, academic qualifications and the Conference Center/conference support of SCE.
- E. Walker attended the Budget Model Subcommittee meeting. She reported they produced a set of guiding principles for a new UWM budget model, received budget information from Don Weill along with suggested articles to read, and listened to a presentation by Dean Smunt on carry-forward balances. Walker noted that metrics that were included are how things have changed over time as well as how much it costs for a student to earn one credit in a school. A brief

discussion ensued regarding issues related to the state budgeting system, the need to be able to redirect carry-forward balances as we need them, the grant budgeting system, WISDM, encumbrances, and limitations of the current personnel and accounting systems.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Academic Staff issues from ASC liaison – See section V.A. above.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Focal Topics for 2011-2012 – No discussion.

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 – None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.