

University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
2030 Realignment Workgroup
Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2020, 7:30-9:00 a.m.
Teams Meeting

The meeting was called to order 7:30 a.m.

Present: Kristian O'Connor, Dietmar Wolfram, Gillian Rodger, Wilkistar Otieno, Paul Roebber, Greg Ahrenhoerster, Marie Sandy, Jonathan Hanes, Amy Harley, Kevin Hartman, Michael Kirsanov, Drew Knab, Val Klump, Jared Parker, Mo Zell

Absent: Tim Behrens, Cassandra Broeren

1. Agenda approved as distributed
2. 10-27-2020 Minutes approved as distributed
3. Announcements –
 - a. The committee discussed the logistics of holding subgroups meetings and the members of each subgroup.
 - b. The co-leads proposed that an email be sent to Deans, Associate Deans, and Chairs notifying them that the committee seeks to be actively engaged during this process. This approach was supported by the committee.
4. New Business – Sub-group breakout sessions.
 - a. Group 1 – The group discussion focused primarily on the barriers that currently prevent students from working across different subject areas or between different schools. These are similar barriers to research collaboration between faculty. There was also discussion of workload and inequities between different schools, and accreditation issues facing different areas. Fundraising, and the need for continued efforts to support the arts and humanities, were also raised.
 - b. Group 2 - The group reviewed the various majors associated with the Business, Industry, & Applied Technology/Social Sciences metamajors and issues that are specific to professional programs such as accreditation. The subgroup recognized that the identification of potential affinities between units will first require input from relevant units.
 - c. Group 3 –The group started with a discussion of how the health area and the natural sciences/engineering can be best aligned to serve students. There was agreement that there needs to be greater flexibility for students to take classes of interest to them across the university without barriers. The group also discussed the potential constraints of accreditation on administrative structure, and the tradeoffs of different types of organizational structures in general (e.g., a school within a college), particularly regarding independence and autonomy. The student member provided a valuable perspective of their experiences as a student in both L&S and another college.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Next meeting scheduled for November 10, 2020 7:30-9:00.