

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 14, 2012
Lubar N456
1:00 pm

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

Guests: John Parnon and Steve Garrison, UWM Post Reporters; Eric Grow, Student Association

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm and the agenda was approved as amended.
- II. PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD – None.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –The minutes of February 7, 2012 were approved as distributed.
- IV. SPECIAL GUESTS: STUDENT ASSOCIATION VICE PRESIDENT SANA KHAN – Schwartz thanked Khan for allowing him to address the Student Senate. She thanked him for doing so and indicated the Student Association would like to work with the UC on some projects, the biggest being the student governance implementation plan. Discussion ensued regarding the plan, status of the Student Senate constitution and bylaws, current debate on separation of powers in student governance and problems related to former student executive staff, and other projects for the year.

CHANCELLOR LOVELL^a - Chancellor Lovell reviewed the testimony he and UW-Madison Interim Chancellor Ward provided to the Special Task Force on UW Restructuring regarding the two campuses having their own boards. He noted there were a lot of questions and skepticism from the BOR; they do not have an in-depth knowledge of the uniqueness of UWM. Lovell and Ward described for the Task Force the membership and benefits of having local boards. Lovell indicated there seemed to be fairly uniform support of the idea; however, it would be meaningless unless we receive flexibilities/delegation of power. Discussion ensued regarding failure of the faculty/academic staff pay structure, “advisory” vs. “authority”, benefit of a strong, singular voice for campus, how board members would be appointed, meetings of the local board with campus governance groups, concern regarding lack of faculty/academic staff testifying before the Task Force, concerns about instructional quality, and issues related to trying to control/minimize costs while cutting funding.

Per Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(f) it was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to go into closed session at 1:45 pm to discuss personnel issues at which point Parnon and Garrison left the meeting.. The committee rose from closed session at 2:02 pm and Parnon and Garrison rejoined the meeting.

Additional items discussed included using email vs. texting or other forms of communication, Best Place to Work Initiative, UITS and software issues, L&S

^a The Committee may go into closed session to discuss personnel matters according to Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(f)

Advisor/student and Advisor/veteran ratios, PEC and the Transportation Study, parking costs/charges, and potential auxiliary sweeps.

APC CHAIR MARIA HAIGH – Schwartz reported the UC had reviewed enrollment trends for UWinterim over the last several years; they also want an understanding of the mission/goals and whether this is being accomplished. UC members reviewed concerns related to UWinterim.

Haigh responded that the APC discusses UWinterim every year; however, she had not realized the last review was done in 2004. She reviewed information from the last report and indicated that APC could review the program once again. Schwartz pointed out that it is in the purview of the faculty to examine these programs and the purview of the APC to examine the data and prepare a report/make recommendations about UWinterim; the UC feels it should be done again.

Discussion ensued regarding the original goal, the current driving factors, APC discussions, credit load, scheduling issues, the enrollment services system, contractual periods, and semesters vs. quarters. Haigh noted that originally, UWinterim was not meant to be permanent. She will summarize notes from today and call an APC meeting. Schwartz stated that APC should determine the timeline needed and scope of the review.

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

- A. He forwarded a copy of his remarks to the Student Senate to UC members.
- B. He attended the Special Task Force meeting with Chancellor Lovell. Senator Larson was not in attendance; however, Schwartz has been in contact with one of his aides via email. Schwartz noted he will continue to monitor the Task Force web site. He indicated the UC letter was on the web site but it was not discussed at the meeting. Discussion ensued regarding obtaining a copy of Interim Chancellor Ward's testimony and management vs. labor roles and shared governance.

VI. MEMBERS' REPORTS

- A. Parsons reported the Provost Search & Screen Committee will meet tomorrow to review information from candidate phone references and select candidates to recommend to the Chancellor for campus visits. She will meet with him on Thursday to provide the recommendations.
- B. Misra reported Nominations met this morning and selected candidates to place on the spring ballot. A call for additional needed candidates will be sent out.
- C. Strickler reported PEC meets tomorrow. He suggested an alternate parking proposal and asked for data/figures but has not received any. Discussion ensued regarding price increases, pros/cons of certain parking modes, and differential parking rates. Strickler noted the PEC has discussed an I-Pass type system..
- D. Walker attended a Best Place to Work meeting; she forwarded comments to Mark Mone. She reported the group is very diverse but there are not many faculty; this is a concern as there is a lot of discussion regarding faculty training. She also noted there are no students on the committee even though students make up a good part of the campus workforce. She noted she would be unable to attend the first scheduled meeting of the Leadership Subcommittee unless the date was changed.

- E. Kunert reported that some APBC members are unhappy with discussions/decisions related to creation of a new budget model. Many strongly feel an outside consultant should not be hired. Discussion ensued regarding APBC discussions, the APBC resolution, campus expertise that could be used, and the cost of an outside consultant and their role.
- F. Holahan reported that in an early version of the Master Plan from years ago, there was a plan to expand the Union west to Maryland to accommodate an enclosed pedestrian walkway to the new science quad. He suggested the students should look at these old documents as there is a tremendous safety issue now on crossing Maryland. Schwartz noted there is also a need for a way to safely cross from the NWQ to the other side.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Faculty Senate Meeting Preparation – The draft of the UC Report to the Senate was reviewed.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Focal Topics for 2011-2012 – No discussion.
- B. Special Task Force on UW Restructuring and Operational Flexibilities – See above.

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 3:50 pm at which point Parnon left the meeting. At 3:59 pm Misra recused himself from the meeting. The committee rose from closed session at 4:10 pm.

XI. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.