

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 3, 2012
Lubar N456
1:00 pm

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

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm and the agenda was approved.
- II. PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD – Student Association (SA) VP Sana Khan and President Angela Lang joined the committee. They described recent activities including SA elections, SA Presidential debate, Building Unity Conference, Union referendum, governance plans, issues related to Black & Gold Committees, and Student Reps. Kahn & Lang left the meeting after their report.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –The minutes of March 27, 2012 were approved as distributed.
- IV. SPECIAL GUESTS^a: DEAN WADE HOBGOOD - Per Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(f) it was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to go into closed session at 1:58 pm to discuss personnel matters; Parsons recused herself at that time. The committee rose from closed session at 2:30 pm and Parsons rejoined the meeting.

PROFESSOR RICHARD MARCUS – Marcus distributed music and sang a song which he wants added to the campus repertoire to be used at alumni and other events. Discussion ensued regarding who could approve such a request. There was general consensus that the song would need vetting and Marcus should start with the Alumni Association. Schwartz pointed out it is not clear who would approve this but suggested Marcus could get endorsements from various groups.

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

VI. MEMBERS’ REPORTS

- A. Parsons indicated she had sent UC members an article regarding closing of programs by University of Iowa Regents. Discussion ensued regarding program array reviews, enrollments, and the need for criteria for reviews. Schwartz noted that governance leaders had met with Provost Britz to discuss array review information and criteria. Parsons reviewed topics for the UC to consider. Discussion ensued regarding VCs/Administrators, formation of a Transportation Task Force, restructuring issues, importance of faculty input in decisions, and the PEC. Schwartz reviewed draft documentation provided by Britz regarding the program array review process, noting the meeting was productive but there will likely be several more meetings before Britz sends information out to campus.

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

- B. Strickler reported there were issues related to scheduling of the next SCE Dean Search Committee. Discussion ensued regarding requirements for voting for candidates and concerns that external committee members may not be available for the next meeting.
- C. Misra reported the CEAS Dean Search Committee will meet on Thursday to determine finalists to recommend to the Provost for campus visits.
- D. Holahan expressed concerns regarding an offer made to a candidate for the Director of the Center for Water Policy and the tenuring process. Schwartz responded it appears the process is moving along as it normally should.

VII. NEW BUSINESS – None.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Faculty Appointments to Search Committees- Schwartz reported that a call for volunteers was sent to all faculty for the HR Director Search Committee. Candidates were reviewed and there was general consensus to forward them to VC Brown. Nominees were also reviewed for the SOIS Dean Search Committee. Walker volunteered to be the UC Rep; she indicated she would be willing to chair as well. Schwartz will forward nominees to the Provost.
- B. Special Committee Report at Next Faculty Senate Meeting – Schwartz indicated he will give a report to the Senate on the Special Committee on Faculty/Staff Salary Planning. There was general consensus that the report should be a separate agenda item.
- C. Focal Topics for 2011-2012 – No discussion.
- D. Special Task Force on UW Restructuring and Operational Flexibilities – 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 – A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to go into closed session at 1:13 pm to discuss personnel matters. The committee rose from closed session at 1:51 pm.

XI. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.