

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE  
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
April 10, 2012  
Lubar N456  
1:00 pm

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

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm and the agenda was approved.
- II. PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD – Student Association (SA) VP Sana Khan joined the committee. She reported there were major problems related to the current SA elections. Discussion ensued regarding what had occurred as well as other SA issues.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Approval of the minutes of April 3, 2012 was deferred.
- IV. SPECIAL GUESTS<sup>a</sup>: ASSOCIATE DEAN DOUGLAS WOODS – Associate Dean Woods provided a preliminary analysis of the first four years of the RGI Program. He reviewed the background of the program and noted the study included input from the GFC, RPC, and Grad School personnel. Review and discussion of the analysis ensued. Woods noted that the RGI Program has had a positive effect; however, it may be changed for next year in order to help more people. Next steps will include final analysis, written reports, and discussion with the RPC.

PROVOST JOHANNES BRITZ – Per Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(f) it was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to go into closed session at 2:09 pm to discuss personnel matters. The committee rose from closed session at 2:55 pm.

Provost Britz reported the following:

- A. The Strategic Planning Group met yesterday and had a brainstorming session lead by Dean Colbeck. An email will be sent out soon to recruit an individual to lead Strategic Planning.
  - B. The ADC will discuss Retention, Recruitment and Remediation at their meeting next week along with the new Budget Model and Strategic Planning. The President of Manpower will also be meeting with the Deans.
- V. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS – Schwartz reported the following:
- A. He received an email from the MGAA regarding withdrawal of summer tuition remission from TAs/PAs in L&S. Schwartz indicated the UC may need to look into this further. Discussion ensued regarding remission in other schools and how it is used. Schwartz reported the group looking at graduate student stipend rates are looking at ideas on how to simplify the structure and exploring how to raise salaries. He noted the issues are complicated. Discussion ensued regarding

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

Chancellor's Awards, potential differential amounts allocated to different disciplines, TA/RA/PA effect on rankings, and potential elimination of PA titles.

VI. MEMBERS' REPORTS

- A. Walker reported she was asked to chair the SOIS Dean Search Committee. Additional candidates suggested by the Provost were discussed. Walker will communicate discussion/suggestions by the UC to the Provost. She also reported the New Budget Model Committee approved hiring a consultant and had worked on Guiding Principles.
- B. Misra reported the GFC met. Discussions/reports included 1) Distinguished Graduate Fellowships and potentially setting/changing rules; 2) the recruitment trip to China by Interim Dean Yu; 3) Graduate School initiatives, including several joint school programs; 4) the Graduate School Advisory Committee; and 5) status of the Director of Graduate Education Search.

VII. NEW BUSINESS – None.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

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

Special Task Force on UW Restructuring and Operational Flexibilities – Schwartz reported he had forwarded information to the UC regarding faculty representatives meeting with the Task Force in May. He indicated there would now be three reps rather than two, noting that Regent Falbo appears to have delegated the arrangements to the Legislative Fiscal Bureau who have in turn delegated selection to the Faculty Reps (but with conditions).

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 3:45 pm to discuss personnel matters. The committee rose from closed session at 3:47 pm.

XI. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 pm.