

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 17, 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 1:07 pm and the agenda was approved.
- II. PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD – None.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of April 3 and April 10, 2012 were approved as amended.
- IV. SPECIAL GUESTS^a: CHANCELLOR MICHAEL LOVELL – Per Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(f) it was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to go into closed session at 1:17 pm to discuss personnel matters. The committee rose from closed session at 2:10 pm.

Discussion ensued regarding the Graduate School. Chancellor Lovell reported models for Graduate School Deans and VC for Research from across the country would be collected and analyzed then a committee assigned to make recommendations. Schwartz responded that the committee report must be vetted through the Senate/Faculty. He briefly reviewed history of the Grad School reorganization by the former Chancellor and Provost. Lovell indicated he wanted the recommendations in November; Schwartz suggested announcing to the Senate in May that a report would be made to the Senate in October.

ASSOCIATE VC DEV VENUGOPALAN and SECRETARY OF THE UNIVERSITY TRUDY TURNER – Venugopalan reported that cases have come up recently of faculty moving away but still being considered full-time; he asked what full-time for a faculty member means. Discussion ensued regarding teaching/research/service obligations, on-line teaching or conducting research at other locations, working for another company or university, AAUP Statement on Professional Ethics, role of the Executive Committee, movement to encourage flexible working hours, use of Skype or conference phone for meetings, faculty workload, and the need for definition/guidelines to include what/how obligations must be met and how arrangements are approved.

There was general consensus that Turner would work on a first draft of guidelines and bring back to the UC for discussion. Walker suggested review by the APC as well.

- V. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS – Schwartz reported the following:
 - A. He's been attending meetings of the Strategic Planning workgroup convened by the Provost to establish the process/parameters for Strategic/Academic Planning.

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

Walker will attend in his absence next week.

- B. He reviewed the draft UC report to the Senate and noted he was still working on the report for the Special Committee on Faculty/Staff Salary Planning. Walker suggested that Schwartz ask for a moment of silence in honor of Mary Pat Kunert as part of his UC report to the Senate. She will also talk with Secretary Turner regarding a memorial resolution for Kunert. Parsons suggested that Rules/Misra contact Dean Lundeen as well regarding a memorial resolution.

VI. MEMBERS' REPORTS

- A. Misra reported the GFC met yesterday. They did not have quorum but discussed the policy related to Distinguished Graduate Fellowships.
- B. Strickler reviewed the agenda for the next PEC meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the Reed Street property, facility rental costs, lack of knowledge regarding where funding from indirects go, rubber-stamping of proposals, circumvention of faculty governance, sunset of plans and possibility of setting new policy, and issues related to the Master Plan.
- C. Holahan reported the CEAS Dean Search is going well. He also noted the Center on Water Policy has made an offer to a candidate.
- D. Walker reported the SOIS Dean Search Committee will meet for the first time on Thursday.

VII. NEW BUSINESS – None.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Focal Topics for 2011-2012 – No discussion.
- B. Special Task Force on UW Restructuring and Operational Flexibilities – Schwartz briefed the UC on the status /parameters of the Faculty Reps presentation to the Task Force.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Future Meetings – Schwartz will be out of the country from 4/20-28; Parsons will chair the 4/24 UC meeting. In addition, he sent an email to faculty requesting nominees for the Associate VC for Enrollment Services Search Committee and asked that names be reviewed and recommendations made by the UC at the next meeting.

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 3:37 pm.