

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Academic Staff Senate
Tuesday 9 December 2014
Engelmann Hall 105

Minutes

Present: Aguilar, Azarian, Borders, Cook, Daynuah, Dobbs, Eilers, Freer, Houston, Josifovski, Kunkel, Merritt, Morgan, Osborne, Reindl, Rice, Schadewald, Schaefer, Schoenecker, Scholz, Simms, Stark, Thomas, Warren, Weigert, Wilkinson, Wolf, Zahrt

Absent: Daniel, Duce, Scherer, Walz-Chojnacki

- I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 2.30 p.m.
- II. Automatic Consent. The agenda and minutes of 11 November were approved as submitted.
- III. Guest: Richard Leson, Associate Professor, Art History. Professor Leson, Senior Lecturer Tom Moore (L&S), and Lecturer Ty Bender (PSOA) presented information on the planned National Adjunct Walkout Day on 25 February 2015 which proposes an afternoon rally and teach-in events. The teach-in is seen as an opportunity to inform students about what UWM faces as a campus. Subjects to cover in the teach-in could be: an explanation of the an overall worsening financial position for higher education in Wisconsin; the \$2.2b structural deficit expected for Wisconsin; and importantly, that UWM receives lowest share of GPR per student of all the UW campuses. A suggestion on how to handle the teach- in event for classroom instructors was to consider including it in the syllabus as a subject matter teaching opportunity. Anyone with expertise in areas that would be covered is asked to contact any of the three presenters to volunteer. In addition, the AFT higher education council is working to develop a series of resolutions regarding inequitable treatment for adjunct staff to be put forward to all campuses for their support.
- IV. Chair's Report. Sarah Morgan reported that academic staff governance Preference Sheets have been distributed electronically and the deadline for response is 12 December. Nominations for elected committees are also from the floor are also taken at the March General meeting. The Spring Plenary may have a change in date so as to accommodate a joint governance group meeting; decoupling the plenary from the faculty senate should afford greater participation of all three governance groups. The announcement of the Chancellor appointee will be made on the 16th.
- V. Committee Reports.
 - A. APBC had a presentation recently showing examples of the cost-per-course as a way of understanding how tuition dollars are credited to the Schools and Colleges.
 - B. The Non-Teaching academic staff subcommittee held its second program titled "How Can I Be of Service" on 1 December; this program was aimed at helping academic staff

find service opportunities; the timing of the presentation also targeted the distribution of the preference sheets.

- C. PR subcommittee is revisiting its mission and possibly its name.
 - D. The Awards Committee has extended the deadline for professional development awards to the 10th of December.
- VI. Other. The UW Clipsheet link will be sent to the Senate by the SOU.
- VII. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 3.20 p.m.