

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Academic Staff Committee -Emergency Meeting

Friday, March 27, 2020

Teams Meeting, 1 pm

MINUTES

Present: Cashin, Daly, Esguerra, Foran, Kohlmetz, Kunkel, Oswald, Rufer, Wallace
Guest: David Clark

- I. *Call to Order.* The meeting was called to order at 1:01 pm.
- II. *Automatic Consent.*
 - A. Agenda: Approved as presented.
 - B. Minutes of March 2, 2020: Approved as presented.
- III. *Chair's Report and Announcements.*
 - L. Wallace reported on meetings with Deans and Leadership team and Covid-19 crisis management team. At today's leadership meeting, Chancellor Mone reported the Federal government education stabilization fund to help K-12 and higher education institutions throughout the country for the financial impact of Covid-19 pandemic. Will pay \$100 per week for two weeks for student employees. VSIP has been canceled and there will be a hiring freeze implemented immediately. Recent promotions will be compensated but reviewing issues around future promotions. Mone encouraged faculty and staff to stay connected with students in creative ways and views the current situation as an opportunity to explore online instruction.
 - J. Bonner is encouraging all non-essential employees to stay home and off campus. Instructors are using the platform Proctorio for exams which currently costs \$5 per student per exam. The current plan is to hold May Graduation tentatively in October 2020. ASC will promote among academic staff the need for volunteers at the ceremonies. Summer courses may be held online and an announcement will be made in next few weeks.
 - N. Oswald shared the Dean of Students resources for students and mental health resources.
 - S. Foran reported on Libraries resources available.
 - K. Kunkel reported on technology.
- IV. *New Business.*
 - A. Consideration of Interim Credit/No Credit Grading Policy – Due to the extraordinary circumstances of COVID-19 pandemic, UWM will expand the Credit/No Credit (C/NC) option for undergraduate students for Spring 2020 semester. This allow students to take as many Spring 2020 courses as they would like with the C/NC grading option, as long as the course has not been determined under this emergency policy as ineligible for C/NC by a home school, college, department or program. K. Kunkel moved and K. Kohlmetz seconded to approve the interim credit/no credit grading policy as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
 - B. Consideration of New Math ACT Requirements- D. Clark explained that face-to-face restrictions have resulted in canceling testing and creating new ACT/SAT requirements. The ASC is being asked to consider and approve prerequisite updates needed for new ACT/SAT cutoffs. S. Cashin moved and K. Kunkel seconded approving the language presented by the Department of Mathematical Sciences. Motion passed unanimously.

V. *Reports - ASC member updates*

- A. Extension of indefinite status for those who are preparing a file for submission in six months. Discussion about creating two separate policies and differences between instructional and research and non-teaching. L. Wallace will draft language that includes specific dates and process for requesting extensions to the ASC chair and applicable review committee chair by September 1st. She will distribute to the chairs of the review committees (S. Cashin and Mike Priem) and bring to the ASC for consideration at it's special meeting March 30th.

VI. Closed session for Personnel Matters per *Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1) (c) and/or (f)*. None.

VII. *Adjournment*. The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm.