

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE  
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
September 15, 2020  
Meeting conducted through TEAMS  
1:00 pm

Present: B. Arnold, K. Dolan, I. Hu, D. Misra, J. Reisel, N. Rothfels, J. Snethen  
Special Guest: Provost Johannes Britz  
Others Present: Professors R. Buff and R. Grusin

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – The meeting was called to order by K. Dolan at 1:02 p.m. The agenda was approved.

I. PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD - None

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the September 8, 2020 were approved.

III. SPECIAL GUESTS – Provost Johannes Britz

- A. The primary issue this semester is managing the pandemic. Several other UW campuses have been quarantined. UWM is working to keep the dorms separate from the classrooms. The Spring will look much like the Fall for the campus.
- B. Four implementation groups, recommended by the 2030 Think Tank, have been implemented and the leads named. The groups will address the undergraduate experience and GER courses, program realignment and the future of the schools and colleges, making a radically welcoming campus and research. K. Dolan is a co-lead of the undergraduate experience group. Initial reports are expected by January.
- C. Enrollment is down about 5% overall, although freshman enrollment is down about 15%. Retention is at about 74.5%. International students are deferring admission. UWM is now using the Common App and applications are up.
- D. Budget discussion are continuing with schools and colleges. Overall units can expect a 9% cut, but this varies.
- E. Social justice and equity issues are highlighted. The Provost is meeting with the Deans to help implement change.

IV. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS – K. Dolan reported:

- A. K. Dolan had a monthly one-on-one meeting with the Provost. The Provost has established working groups among the Deans.
- B. The first Faculty Representatives meeting of the new year will take place next week. There will be discussion of the System response to the pandemic.
- C. Tricia Wessel-Blaski received an email from a faculty member at one of the branch campuses asking about equity and Covid-19 testing at the branches. Dolan

discussed this with Robin Van Harpen. Van Harpen responded that the branch campuses do not pay segregated fees for auxiliary services and do not have dorms. This limits testing in these locations. There is a discussion on campus regarding what to do with students not living in dorms. Dolan responded to the faculty member.

V. MEMBERS' REPORTS –

- A. I. Hu reported that the GFC met. They are forming a diversity and inclusion working group. They are implementing emergency procedures for graduate students including leaves of absence.
- B. J. Snethen reported that the APBC met and began discussing the budget.
- C. N. Rothfels reported that the R1 Research working group report will be forwarded to the 2030 Research implementation team.
- D. J. Reisel reported that the Athletic Board met.
- E. D. Misra reported that the University Relations committee met. Tom Luljak reviewed the dashboards on the website and briefed the group on initiatives for the coming year.

VI. NEW BUSINESS- The Faculty and Faculty Senate will meet this Thursday.

VII. OLD BUSINESS- None

VIII. PERSONNEL MATTERS- None

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – The meeting next week may be cancelled.

X. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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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)