

UWM University Staff Senate

Climate and Information Committee

September 22, 2020

MINUTES

Present: R. Badger, J. Downey, A. Eischen, K. Miller-Kyles, K. Negri, C. Parks, R. Wahl

Absent: J. Peshut

Guest: L. Eastman (Secretary of the University's office)

- I. Call to Order-The meeting was called to order at 10:03 by L. Eastman from Secretary of the University's office. Agenda was suspended so that members could consider if they wished to run for chair. L. Eastman chaired meeting until a chair was elected.
- II. Review and revise bylaws-Every year committees are asked to review their bylaws and submit any changes they wished to make to the US Codification for review and approval. The committee discussed changes to bylaws and postponed final submission of changes until the next meeting.
- III. Discuss support for the committee-L. Eastman informed the committee that former chair J. Stoczany stepped down for the remainder of her term. Former member K. Valerius had rotated off and there was no longer support for the committee. The committee discussed how this caused difficulty as turnover could not be predicted from year to year.

MOTION: The US Climate and Information Committee request full time permanent support from the Secretary of the University's office as other US Committees receive.

The motion passed unanimously.

The request will be made to Secretary of the University's office and will be written into the bylaws if approved.

- IV. Discuss work for year-The committee discussed what work they could achieve this year. The chair did not submit a final report for the work in 2019-2020 but the committee was working on improving climate. Several members are working on the Climate Survey Group which should be completed by October 2020. There may be work involved in tabulating results and working on goals from the survey.

In addition, the committee was working on a brown bag series focused on University Staff and working with System Human Resources on improving climate and reviews. These may be topics for future review and work for the committee.

- V. Elect chair or co-chairs for 2020-2021-After discussion two candidates wanted to co-chair the committee.

James Downey and Chris Parks will Co-Chair for 2020-2021

- VI. Other Business-There was no other business
VII. Adjournment-The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.