

US Climate and Information Committee

Via TEAMS

Friday, 13 November 2020 | 11:00 AM

MINUTES

Present: *Roy Badger, Kaija Miller-Kyles, Kate Negri, Chris Parks (Chair), Kate Valerius, Robert Wahl*

Absent: None **Guests:** None

I. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by C. Parks.

II. **Minutes** The minutes from the 10/13/2020 meeting were approved, as submitted, by autoconsent.

III. **New Business**

A. Bylaw changes

- i. The committee discussed reducing the total size of this committee to seven members, from the current size in the committee bylaws. A motion was made by K. Valerius, and seconded by R. Wahl, to reduce the committee to seven members; six members from the Proportional Distribution Categories (two from each category), and one “at large” member), which would take effect, if approved by the Codification Committee, for the next AY. The motion carried with no nays or abstentions.
- ii. The committee agreed unanimously to request Administrative support by/from the Office of the Secretary of the University, subject to approval by the USS Codification Committee and the Secretary of the University’s office.

B. Professional Development

- i. The committee recommends that a special presentation regarding the role and goal of the UWM University Staff Senate be prepared and made available to all UWM Classified Staff, and that ideally, this would be offered during the first week of January.

ii. Brown Bag Series

- a. Mentoring brown bag: Following confirmation of availability of DeVonna Wright Cottrell, the first presentation of the “Professional Development Series” would be offered in the Spring 2021 semester, in the first week of April 2021.
- b. Further, in regards to this series, there would be one offered in a/the Fall and Spring semesters and nothing in Summer. Additional topics for consideration for the presentation in Fall of 2021 include: existing presentations by the Human Resources department adapted for the particular needs of University staff, and anything raised as a result of the survey which is due to be sent to all university staff.

C. It was announced that the 1.8% salary raise is still anticipated to take effect, as of 1/1/2021.

IV. **Old / Unfinished Business** None.

V. **Adjournment** A motion to adjourn was made by R. Badger, seconded by K. Valerius. The motion carried with no nays or abstentions. The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 AM.