

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Academic Staff Committee

Monday, February 1, 2021

9:00 am, Teams Meeting

MINUTES

Present: Bogner, Cashin, Daly, Esguerra, Kohlmetz, Kunkel, Lukaszewicz, Oswald, Priem
Guests: Mark Mone, Kathy Dolan, Kate Nelson

- I. *Call to Order.* The meeting was called to order by Chair Esguerra at 9:00 am.
- II. *Automatic Consent.*
 - A. Agenda: Approved as presented.
 - B. Minutes of January 4, 2021 were approved as presented.
- III. *Guests^a*
 - A. Chancellor Mone reported: Joan Prince is retiring effective March 1st; Town Hall is scheduled for March 9th; work is continuing on UWM becoming a vaccination site while maintaining testing for students, faculty and staff who are on campus regularly; Governor Thompson asked Mone to lead two initiatives- on chronic issues in urban environments that are affecting high school students and the WTS collaboration to build partnerships; update on State budget which includes compensation increase, Promise Program expansion, Freshwater Collaborative and prison education reform; an announcement about May 2021 graduation will be shared soon.
 - B. K. Dolan, Chair of University Committee, reported on current issues the UC is addressing: tenure clock extensions; course planning for fall; concerns shared with Dev Venugopalan and Tim Danielson about the testing requirement for those on campus at least once per week and individuals who may switch modalities to avoid testing; and service obligations and reviewing the work of governance committees.
 - C. K. Nelson, Chief Sustainability Officer, presented on UWM's Climate Action, Carbon and Resiliency Plan. A workgroup including governance reps will begin work in February with an action plan and visioning occurring in April and May. Final report is expected to be submitted in September. After Nelson's presentation, M. Priem and C. Daly e expressed interest in serving. N. Oswald moved and C. Daly seconded to recommend M. Priem to serve on the workgroup. K. Esguerra will notify K. Nelson.
- IV. *Chair's Report.* K. Esguerra reported the following: 1. Governance leaders will meet with Regents Levzow and Weatherly tomorrow to provide a very brief statement about AS role in governance. 2. UWS Reps meeting was held on January 22nd and updates were given on TTC appeal process and vaccinations.
- V. *Unfinished Business.* None.

^aCommittee may go into closed session to discuss personnel matters per Wisc. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) or 19.85(1)(f)

- VI. *New Business.*
- A. February AS Senate Agenda Items – Phyllis King will be invited to present update on Moon Shot for Equity initiative; Julie Bonner/Aamir Sadiqqi will be invited to provide update on student mental health; and Kim Anderson will provide overview of changes to SAAPS.
 - B. Teaching criteria/G. Skoll memo – The ASC considered the comments shared by G. Skoll and decided that no action is necessary at this time.
 - C. Indefinite Status File Extension – The ASC agreed that the deadline should be extended and want to mirror the faculty tenure extension language. K. Esguerra will follow up with K. Dolan and report at the February 15th ASC meeting.
- VII. *Reports.*
- A. K. Kunkel reported the Freshwater Collaborative, prison education reform and the Governor’s initiatives were discussed during the AS session of the UWS Reps meeting.
 - B. S. Cashin and C. Bogner reported that the Teaching and Research Professor Titles Teaching subgroup met and said some are concerned the titles may harm them. K. Esguerra reported on the Research subgroup.
 - C. S. Cashin reported that the IASRC workshop for preparing file for indefinite review was held January 19th and discussion about the impact of the pandemic on future reviews.
- VIII. Closed session for Personnel Matters per *Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1) (c) and (f)*. None.
- IX. The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 am.