University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Academic Staff Committee

Wednesday, June 2, 2021
Teams Meeting

MINUTES-Emergency Meeting

Present: Cashin, Daly, Esguerra, Kohlmetz, Kunkel, Oswald

- I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Chair Esguerra at 12:30 pm.
- II. Automatic Consent.
 - A. Agenda was approved as presented.
 - B. Minutes of May 17, 2021, were approved as corrected (add Kunkel to attendees).
- III. Chair's Report. K. Esguerra shared the background for the request for ASC's review and approval of the two interim policies and reason for short timeline. It is expected the policies will be effective June 7th.
- IV. New Business.
 - A. UWM Interim Telecommuting Policy- SAAP 7-17- S. Cashin moved and N. Oswald seconded approval of the policy. Discussion took place and the ASC raised the following questions: A-4 states, "the employee must certify to UWM that their remote workspace meets minimum safety requirements," and where the requirements are listed. 5- G notes, "employees [who are telecommuting] may not host UWS/UWM business visitors, including other employees, in their home." Does this only apply to "business hours" and if someone has an approved telecommuting arrangement, does it preclude them from inviting colleagues over outside of business hours? Motion to approve passed unanimously.
 - B. UWM Interim COVID Health and Safety Rules- SAAP 10-12- K. Kunkel moved and S. Cashin seconded approval of the policy. Discussion took place and the ASC presented the following question about II a., and whether vaccination would or should exempt an individual who had been determined to be a close contact with a positive case from the policy against coming to UWM property. This is unclear and should be clarified in a future version.
- V. General Good and Welfare. S. Cashin shared details of the IRASRC's flurry of cases at the end of this semester.
- VI. The meeting adjourned at 1:01 pm