

The Behind-the-Scenes Bulletin**Upcoming Events**

July 28:

Records Management

In this virtual presentation Derek Webb, Archives Department Head and the University's Records Officer, will walk campus offices through some fundamentals of records management such as:

- *How does records management benefit campus offices?
- *Who is responsible for managing records?
- *What all even counts as a "record?"
- *How can I tell how long to keep records and what to do with them afterwards?
- *Who can I call to help me with questions I have about records management?

This presentation takes place Wednesday, July 28 from 1-2PM and is open to all UWM faculty and staff who are responsible for university records. There will be time at the end of the presentation for Q&A.

Please click [HERE](#) for the presentation

Welcome Back!

We are so glad to welcome back everyone to campus this Fall 2021. 2020-2021 Academic Year was definitely one for the history books as we all adapted to working within the COVID-19 Pandemic. As we work towards vaccinating all, we also continue to work hard to keep things safe so that our campus is safe and healthy.

**Chair's Report**

Welcome back everyone. This year that means a lot more than it has in the past. Some of us have not been on campus much for a year and a half. Many of us have been doing our job at home and remotely. And many of us who've remained on campus had to adjust to the ghost-town like atmosphere, and now are adjusting back. Quite a year!

There are a number of ongoing efforts designed to keep our workplaces safe. Signs, equipment, barriers, consistent air handling maintenance, are just some of them. Each of us play a key role in keeping our work safe. Keep a mask handy, even if you're vaccinated, and use it. Don't come in if you're sick (the CDC now reports concerns with nonCovid respiratory illnesses this fall and winter, so be careful!). If you have concerns about the health of a coworker, or a student, or anyone else, report that concern to your supervisor. Don't just assume someone else has said or done something. We all have increased responsibility maintaining a safe work place.

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Upcoming Events

Aug. 4:
Town Hall meeting to discuss returning to campus.

Please join the town hall meeting [HERE](#) at 10AM Central Time. The same link can be used for viewing the meeting at a later time if you are unable to watch it live.

Aug. 26

Plenary Address

Chancellor Mark One will present his annual plenary address to the UWM community at 2:30PM Central Time.

The chancellor invites all faculty, academic staff, university staff, students and friends to join him.

A live webcast of the event will be available to those unable to attend the presentation in person. It can be found [HERE](#).

Chair's Report continued

As I write this in late July, all plans to return to full campus activity are continuing. Those plans all include contingency plans. If there's a surge in our community or on campus, or some new outbreak, UWM has planned on how to respond. Our return to full campus activity is important in many different ways, but it will NOT be done as the expense of our health. Keep an eye on campus emails, sit in on any campus Town Hall meetings, attend your departmental meetings (or demand there be one if none are announced!) to stay current with the ever changing news.

I was elected Chair of the Senate for the 2021-22 school year. It is my honor to do so. Each of you is an absolutely invaluable resource for me to do this job. Your eyes see what I can't. Your ears here what I don't. Your minds form ideas and solutions that I need to hear of. Together we are a strong voice in UWM's governance. I look forward to our continued efforts.

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RETURNING TO CAMPUS SAFELY

Most will be returning to campus full time to welcome back our students. Some will be choosing to have a flexible schedule to be able to keep each other safe. What guidelines will still need to be followed? Be sure to work out your schedule with your department and supervisor for specific details. To see what campus is working on, check the website here:

<https://uwm.edu/coronavirus/faculty-staff/>

Can you be exempt from testing while working on campus? Check out the information here:

<https://uwm.edu/coronavirus/faqs/im-vaccinated-do-i-still-have-to-get-tested-on-campus>

Campus Technology

Do you need more information on campus technology or help with equipment? Here is the website for all that campus technology has to offer from courses to tech support:

<https://uwm.edu/technology/faculty-resources/>



FUN THINGS TO DO AT UWM!

UWM Goes to the Fair!

Join UWM at Wisconsin State Fair August 8 and show your Panther Pride! There will be booths from various schools/colleges to talk to representatives about UWM and our great University!

Free admission to Summerfest

Staff, faculty, and students can receive a free ticket for admission between noon to 5 p.m. on September 17 with an active UWM email. A UWM booth on the Summerfest grounds will help students and staff show off their Panther pride.

21-23 State Budget Finalized

Governor Tony Evers has finalized the state budget, which includes approval of the UW System's (UWS) 2021-23 biennial operating and capital budgets.

The final 2021-23 operating budget for UWS includes an increase of \$42.3M (4.4%) of additional General Purpose Revenue (GPR or state-levied taxes) base funds in FY 2021, including:

\$21M to cover 70% of the costs of the first year of a 2%/2% pay plan increase for UWS employees over the biennium, which is subject to approval in early fall 2021 by the state Joint Committee on Employment Relations (JCOER). If passed in its current form, UW institutions will need to self-fund the remaining 30% or about \$8.4M in FY 2021. Including this pay plan in its entirety, UW institutions will have self-funded about \$40M in cumulative pay plan increases over the last several years, without assistance from tuition increases as had been the case historically. If approved, pay increases will be implemented in January 2022 and January 2023.

In addition, the Board of Regents now has restored tuition-setting authority, which means they may end the undergraduate resident tuition freeze that started in 2013-14 and will continue through 2021-22, for nine total years, to date.

This budget contains positive elements for UWM given the challenging year behind us, particularly funding of a pay plan (which is subject to JCOER approval).

Graduation 2021

We will be returning to in person graduation on December 19, 2021! There are volunteer opportunities for Graduation 2021. If you are interested let Louisa Eastman know at louisae@uwm.edu.



University Staff Senate

University Staff Governance

The University Staff Senate and their standing subcommittees are busy at work making the campus a better place for you. If you are interested in how it all works come to a meeting! The meetings are posted on the committee websites and are open to visitors. You can find committees and their websites here:

<https://uwm.edu/secu/us/>

If you would like more information on any of the committees feel free to contact Louisa Eastman in the Secretary of the University's office at louisae@uwm.edu.

Schedule FALL 2021

AUGUST	17	10 AM
SEPTEMBER	21	10 AM
OCTOBER	19	10 AM
NOVEMBER	16	10 AM
DECEMBER	21	10 AM

THE AUGUST 17 MEETING WILL BE ON TEAMS ONLY; BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER, MEETINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON TEAMS AND ON UWM'S MAIN CAMPUS IN ROOM 175 OF CURTAIN HALL.

See Agenda for link/phone in number <https://uwm.edu/secu/us/university-staff-senate/>

Want to know what is going on the University Staff Senate? Come to a meeting! Meetings are open to all!



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