

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
August 24, 2021
Teams Meeting
1:00 pm

Present: Professors E. Bornstein, D. Misra, V. Moerchen, G. Rodger, N. Rothfels,
M. Schwartz, J. Snethen
Special Guest: None
Others Present: None

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – The meeting was called to order by N. Rothfels at 1:01 p.m. The agenda was approved.

- I. PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD- None
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the August 17, 2021 meeting were approved.
- III. SPECIAL GUESTS^a- None
- IV. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS –
 - A. Due to a time conflict for the Provost, the September 7 meeting will start at 2 PM.
 - B. N. Rothfels met with Regent Ashok Rai, and Regent Rai was very enthusiastic for UWM and our access mission. Additionally, Regent Rai wants to hear from the UC if the UC thinks that there are issues that the Board of Regents should be aware of.
 - C. There is a faculty member at UW-Oshkosh who is asking faculty governance groups to engage with the Council of University of Wisconsin Libraries over the policy limiting intercampus loans of library materials to two years.
- V. MEMBERS’ REPORTS
 - A. M. Schwartz is now coordinating UC News, and asked the committee members to look at the site to see what should be updated, added, or eliminated.
- VI. NEW BUSINESS-
 - A. The following UC representatives to governance committees were selected:
Academic Planning and Budget Committee – D. Misra
Affirmative Action in Faculty Employment Committee – E. Bornstein
Policy Action Committee – J. Snethen

^a The Committee may go into closed session to discuss personnel matters according to Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(f)

- B. A discussion of the status of the dissolution of several governance committees was held. Based on the work from last year, the Academic Policy Committee, Admissions and Records Policy Committee, Economic Benefit Committee, and Faculty Ethics Advisory Committee are all at various stages in the process of dissolving.
- C. Following a discussion of UW System President Thompson's op/ed "Running the UW System is Our Responsibility", it was decided that N. Rothfels will write a letter of support to President Thompson.

VII. OLD BUSINESS- None

VIII. PERSONNEL MATTERS- None

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS –At the August 31 meeting, there will be a discussion on the vaccine mandate question.

XI. ADJOURNMENT –The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.