

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
August 31, 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 1:02 p.m. The agenda was approved with the addition of “Replacement Member for Art & Humanities Divisional Committee” under New Business.

- I. PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD- None
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the August 24, 2021 and August 30, 2021 meetings were approved.
- III. SPECIAL GUESTS^a- None
- IV. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS –
 - A. N. Rothfels met with Sue Weslow to discuss the changes with the COVID-19 policy, which the University Committee considered in the August 30 meeting.
- V. MEMBERS’ REPORTS – None
- VI. NEW BUSINESS-
 - A. There was a discussion of faculty to consider for filling the vacancy on the Arts & Humanities Divisional Committee. N. Rothfels will follow up with the suggested faculty members to determine if they are willing to serve.
 - B. After discussion, the committee drafted the following statement regarding COVID-19 vaccination:

With respect for current scientific understanding of COVID-19 and guidelines from the CDC, it is clear that having as many people vaccinated on campus is the best way to control the spread of COVID-19. Thus, we strongly endorse adopting a vaccine requirement for the campus community.

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

J. Snethen moved to approve and issue this statement. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. N. Rothfels will inform the Faculty Senate of this action, and that the statement will likely be brought to the Senate for consideration at the September 23 meeting.

- C. The committee discussed the Titling and Total Compensation (TTC) project and the impact that its implementation is having on Academic and University Staff. It was decided that N. Rothfels will draft a resolution urging the suspension of the project's implementation. This resolution will be considered by the UC at its next meeting, and may then be sent to the Faculty Senate for endorsement.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. N. Rothfels discussed the need for an ex-officio member from the University Committee on the Graduate Faculty Committee with J. Berges and J. Puskar. There was general agreement that there is little need for a UC ex-officio member on the GFC, and so the GFC will consider revising its charter to remove the position. N. Rothfels will serve as the UC representative on the GFC until that action is complete. Additionally, the UC will seek to schedule a meeting once a semester with a representative of the GFC.

VIII. PERSONNEL MATTERS- None

- IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – The September 7 meeting will begin at 2 PM, and the Provost will attend at 2:30.

- XI. ADJOURNMENT –The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.