

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE  
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
September 7, 2021  
Teams Meeting  
2:00 pm

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

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – The meeting was called to order by N. Rothfels at 2:01 p.m.

- I. PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD- None
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the August 31, 2021 meeting were approved.
- III. SPECIAL GUESTS<sup>a</sup>- Provost J. Britz
  - A. The campus is working to get COVID vaccination status information out to students. If students, faculty, and staff do not upload information showing that they have been vaccinated, weekly testing is required.
  - B. Enrollment of international students has rebounded to numbers similar to those in 2019. Overall enrollment is currently down about 2.9% from last year, while the freshman class enrollment is up about 7%. The College of General Studies is currently seeing a 17% decrease in student credit hours over last year.
  - C. UW System President Search & Screen Committee will be holding public hearings on the search across the state.
- IV. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS –
  - A. N. Rothfels reported that S. Pucci was appointed to the Arts & Humanities Divisional Committee. Additionally, N. Rothfels will serve as the UC representative to the Graduate Faculty Committee.
  - B. There was a Preseason UW System Faculty Reps meeting. The first official meeting is September 24.
  - C. Mark Harris has convened a large group of people involving research and faculty workload as part of the 2030+ project. The group will be exploring whether there should be a uniform way of establishing faculty workload distribution across campus.

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

- D. Responses from faculty on the UC statement on vaccines were generally positive. The statement was also sent to N. Oswald and S. Yasaitis, with encouragement for their committees to draft similar statements.

V. MEMBERS' REPORTS

- A. D. Misra reported that the APBC met on Thursday. The Provost informed the committee that the entire APBC will play a role again in the individual budgets of the schools and colleges this year. K. Surerus was elected co-chair. The APBC declined to accept taking over the duties of the APC if the APC dissolves. There was also a report on micro-credentialing.
- B. D. Misra reported that the Nominations Committee met and elected a chair and set the year's nomination and election timeline.
- C. M. Schwartz updated the UC News webpage to archive some of the older material and clean up the overall appearance of the webpage.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. There was a discussion as to whether the UC could pick up the responsibilities of the Academic Policy Committee, if the APC were to dissolve. It was also suggested that the APC could be combined with the Admissions and Records Policy Committee. N. Rothfels will explore the latter option more thoroughly and report back to the UC.
- B. N. Rothfels shared a draft statement on the Title and Total Compensation Project. The committee discussed the statement and made suggestions for changes to the statement. N. Rothfels will reach out to T. Danielson and M. Mone for more information.

VII. OLD BUSINESS – None

VIII. PERSONNEL MATTERS – None

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Chancellor Mone will be at the September 14 meeting.

XI. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.