

# UWM-University Staff Senate

July 20, 2021

## Microsoft Teams meeting

### MINUTES

- PRESENT: R. Badger, T. Cochrane, M. Cosgrove, K. Czerniakowski, A. Dempsey-Fischer, P. Dixon, J. Downey, L. Eastman, P. Geraci, G. Henion, J. Johnson, S. Kennedy, A. Kupiecki, C. Larson, A. McLimans, T. Nation, C. Parks, K. Premeau, P. Reilly, R. Sauers, M. Schreiber, C. Sekyi, K. Valerius, K. Waldoch, C. Warneke, S. Wirka, S. Yasaitis
- ABSENT: G. Dukes, K. Miller-Kyles, L. Perryman Ramsey, A. Tarr, R. Wahl
- GUEST: M. Mone (Chancellor)

- I. Call to Order-The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.
- II. Approval of minutes for June 15, 2021-The minutes were approved as submitted via autoconsent.
- III. Chancellor Update-M. Mone-The Chancellor updated the Senate.
  - a. There will be a Town Hall meeting discussing the Fall plans on returning to Campus. It will Be on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is encouraged to join in the TEAMS presentation. If you can't join live it will be available afterward for viewing.
  - b. The Delta Variant of the Coronavirus is spreading in Wisconsin. Much of our campus has been vaccinated. Clinics will continue through fall. Employees should discuss concerns with their supervisors. The Campus is also planning on future Town Halls to discuss concerns about returning to work. Campus Safety plans on in place. Keep up to date with the Campus Covid website which can be found on the UWM homepage.
  - c. State Budget is moving forward with some bright spots. The legislature has approved a payplan for 2022 and 2023. Tuition freeze has been taken out though UWM will most likely not raise tuition by much if at all. Enrollments will be key to gains in the future. Campus Enrollment management teams are working hard to ensure success of enrollment challenges and future enrollment goals.
- IV. Chair Update-The climate survey was received by Campus Administration well. The hope is to incorporate many of the goals for all of campus. The chair would like to thank once again members that have left the Senate and continuing members.
- V. Welcome new members/introductions-The Senate introduced themselves and welcomed new members.
- VI. Title Review Committee-Titles are still being worked on. More information will be coming this Fall. The Title Review Committee will assist those who wish to appeal the title they are assigned by Human Resources. More information will be coming in the fall.
- VII. Goals for the upcoming year-
  - a. The campus is working on full staff return the week of August 2, 2021. The campus is still watching the health and safety situation and will adapt should that be needed. Discuss your needs with your supervisor. Plans should already be in place for your return to campus.

- b. The University Staff Survey has been shared with Campus Administration. Chair Yasaitis and Campus Administration are working on some of the goals developed from the survey to create the best working environment for Staff.
  - c. The Title Review Committee is expected to be formed by November 2021. See notes above about the committee as we are still expecting more information about titles and this committee.
- VIII. Member Reports-Committees are just starting to meet for this year so member reports will be given at the next University Staff Senate.
- IX. New/Other Business-There was no other business.
- X. Adjournment-The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.