

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 5, 2021
Teams Meeting
1:00 pm

Present: Professors E. Bornstein, D. Misra, V. Moerchen, G. Rodger, N. Rothfels,
M. Schwartz, J. Snethen
Special Guest: J. Britz, D. Venugopalan
Others Present: C. Evans

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – The meeting was called to order by N. Rothfels at 1:00 p.m.

I. PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD – None

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the September 28, 2021 meeting were approved.

III. SPECIAL GUESTS^a-

Provost J. Britz

- A. The committee went into closed session at 1:16 p.m. to discuss a request for a tenure clock extension. The committee rose from closed session at 1:17 p.m.
- B. The Board of Regents is meeting on Thursday and Friday of this week, preceded by a UW System Provosts meeting on Wednesday.
- C. The Health units are moving towards a new structure. The plan at this time is that the Public Health and preventative care areas will be in one unit, and the health care and treatment areas will be in a second unit. Other school/college restructuring is also making progress.
- D. The four-year graduation rate is up to 28%. The six-year graduation rate has increased to 46%. Coupled with increased retention rates, there are many positives with regards to student success. A deep dive to study methods for increasing the yield among applicants is planned.

Associate VC D. Venugopalan

- E. The guiding principles being considered for modifying the procedures for granting Academic Staff voting rights in school/college faculty meetings were discussed. The guiding principles will be turned into a Faculty Document for consideration by faculty governance.

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

IV. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. N. Rothfels reported on the progress for filling of committee positions.
- B. N. Rothfels has attended two of the Police Chief interviews.
- C. VC Robin Van Harpen will meet with the UC on October 19 to discuss concerns over building ventilation.
- D. It is now possible to park on campus on weekends and evenings for 30 minutes without paying a parking fee.
- E. UW-Whitewater's Faculty Senate has passed a resolution asking the UW System to consider changes in language used in interactions with students to promote inclusivity and student growth.
- F. The Black Student Union leadership was contacted and invited to a future UC meeting.

V. MEMBERS' REPORTS

- A. D. Misra reported that the Economic Benefits Committee has voted to pursue consolidation of its functions with those of other committees. Additionally, the APBC met last week and heard about the school/college realignment progress and the GER reform process.
- B. E. Bornstein has heard from Norris Health Center that they do not have enough staff to handle the amount of follow up inquiries generated by Dean of Student notifications of positive COVID tests.
- C. There was a general discussion over the potential use of the academic staff titles "Teaching Professor" and "Research Professor".

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ben Campbell has asked for a Leave of Absence from the Faculty Senate for the Fall semester. The UC agreed with this request.

VII. OLD BUSINESS - None

VIII. PERSONNEL MATTERS – None

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Chancellor Mone will be at the October 12 meeting.

XI. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.