

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 12, 2021
Teams Meeting
1:00 pm

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

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

- I. PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD – None
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the October 5, 2021 meeting were approved.
- III. SPECIAL GUESTS^a - Chancellor M. Mone
 - A. The vaccination rates are at 79% for faculty and staff and 87% for the students. The positivity rate for COVID tests is 1% for both groups.
 - B. GPR base budget allocation will be discussed at a meeting of the Special Regents Committee on Governance Issues in December.
 - C. Update on Vice Chancellor searches: both the Development and Alumni Relations search and the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion searches are progressing well. Both searches are aiming to have on-campus November interviews, with a possible start date for each position in January. The Chancellor is hoping to launch the University Relations search in November.
 - D. The Chancellor continues to hear from students about how pleased they are with the return to on-campus learning, and he thanked the faculty and staff for their work to have allowed this to happen.
- IV. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - A. N. Rothfels attended the remaining police chief candidates and submitted his comments.
 - B. Robin Van Harpen, Melissa Spadanuda, Jennifer Jordan and Joel Berkowitz will be joining the UC next week at 1:50 p.m. to discuss the building ventilation reporting issues.
 - C. UW-LaCrosse Faculty Senate passed a Title and Total Compensation project (TTC) resolution very similar to that passed by the UWM Faculty Senate. The

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

UWM Academic Staff Senate will be considering a TTC resolution today.

- D. The discussion (started by UW-Whitewater) about the non-inclusive language used in the UW System did not garner much support from UW System faculty reps, and so it is not being pursued further at this time.
- E. The 2030 Action Team Research Workforce Group continues to meet every two weeks and is discussing different types of faculty workload and how these differ across units on campus. The workgroup is trying to develop a universal workload vision for UWM faculty.

V. MEMBERS' REPORTS

- A. V. Moerchen reported that the Rules Committee is putting regular reports on the 2030 project on the Senate agendas.
- B. E. Bornstein reported on a meeting on the Teaching Professor and Research Professor titles, and the job descriptions for these titles will likely come to the UC soon.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Names were considered for the Faculty Senate to fill the vacant Social Sciences seat, and a recommendation was made.
- B. Dissolution of the Economic Benefits Committee. It was moved to "Dissolve the Economic Benefits Committee because the committee's governance role has been eliminated by UW System policy." The motion was seconded and approved. The resulting faculty document will be forwarded to the Codification Committee.

VII. OLD BUSINESS - None

VIII. PERSONNEL MATTERS

Per Wis. Stats 19.85(1)(f), it was moved and seconded to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters. Upon roll call vote, closed session began at 2:02 p.m. The committee reconvened in open session at 2:15 p.m.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Provost Britz, Vice Chancellor Van Harpen, Melissa Spadanuda, Prof. Jennifer Jordan and Prof. Joel Berkowitz will be at the October 19 meeting.

XI. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.