

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE  
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
October 19, 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. Berkowitz, J. Jordan, M. Spadanuda, R. Van Harpen  
Others Present: J. Nguyen

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 October 12, 2021 meeting were approved.

III. SPECIAL GUESTS<sup>a</sup> -

Vice Chancellor Robin Van Harpen, Associate Vice Chancellor Melissa Spadanuda, Professor Joel Berkowitz, Professor Jennifer Jordan

- A. Professors Berkowitz and Jordan presented concerns regarding the building ventilation at UWM, both with the physical plant practices at UWM and the communication about ventilation.
- B. Associate Vice Chancellor Spadanuda said that the campus FAQs can be updated and that the campus can do a better job of providing information on building ventilation to the campus. HVAC systems are using the best filters possible, and are set to bring in increased amounts of outside air.
- C. Vice Chancellor Van Harpen indicated that, leaving aside the residence halls, there have been no outbreaks at UWM this academic year.

IV. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. N. Rothfels reported that UW-LaCrosse's Faculty Senate and UW-Green Bay's Faculty Senate passed resolutions on the TTC project that closely reflect UWM's Faculty Senate statement.
- B. Chancellor Mone hosted a meeting between governance leads and campus leadership to discuss TTC. The Chancellor, Vice Chancellor Van Harpen, and Associate Vice Chancellor Danielson emphasized that they are aware of the unanticipated damage to morale that the TTC project has caused and will do all they can to mitigate the harm.

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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)

- C. The Chancellor's Expanded Cabinet met and had a presentation from the Athletic Department that focused on Names, Image, and Likeness rules for athletes. Additionally, there is NCAA discussion on what Division 1 will entail.
- D. A replacement from the Social Sciences was secured for the Faculty Senate for this fall.
- E. The Campus Space Planning committee met to discuss the impacts on operations expected with closures to the Union in the summer of 2022.
- F. The Graduate Faculty Committee carried forward discussion of its charter until its next meeting in November.

V. MEMBERS' REPORTS

- A. G. Rodger reported that the International Committee will meet next Monday. There was then a general discussion on the purpose of the International Committee, and N. Rothfels will try to meet with the committee to discuss its future activities.
- B. D. Misra attended one of the divisional budget meetings with the APBC and will be attending another one on November 1. There will be 22 of these budget meetings in total this year.
- C. E. Bornstein raised a question of what types of financial savings are being expected from the School/College realignment process. There was some discussion on where the savings may come from.
- D. J. Snethen raised the issue of whether faculty across campus are receiving adequate training for DEI issues, and whether faculty should have their DEI work as part of their evaluation.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Names for a replacement for the Graduate Program Review Committee were discussed.

VII. OLD BUSINESS - None

VIII. PERSONNEL MATTERS - None

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Nicole Oswald will be at the October 26 meeting.

XI. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.