

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 9, 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, T. Danielson, M. Harris, D. Venugopalan
Others Present: R. Buff

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 November 2, 2021 meeting were approved.
- III. SPECIAL GUESTS^a

Chancellor Mark Mone

- A. The predominant theme of last week’s UW System Regents’ meeting was on diversity, equity, and inclusion. Many regents are interested in UWM’s funding in light of the work that UWM does with underrepresented students.
- B. The System continues to develop its COVID-19 vaccine mandate. As of today, 83% of the UWM employees are vaccinated, and there are probably additional employees who are vaccinated but haven’t reported their status.
- C. A Regents’ Special Committee has been formed to interview the UW System President finalists. They would like on-campus interviews to be in January, with a decision being made in February.
- D. There was discussion on potentially providing support for governance activities.

Associate Vice Chancellor Tim Danielson, Vice Provost Mark Harris, Associate Vice Chancellor Dev Venugopalan

- A. There was a discussion about the titles of Teaching Professor and Research Professor. Use of these titles at UWM does not need Faculty Senate approval. UW-Madison did seek approval from their Faculty Senate before using the titles, but part of the reason for doing that was to undo previous UW-Madison Faculty Senate action. Sentiment was expressed in favor of having a Committee of the Whole discussion about the titles in the December Faculty Senate meeting.

^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 that the UW System-Wide Caregiving and COVID-19 Taskforce submitted a report to the Chancellor on the difficulties faced by the caregiving community on campus. They received a response, and the three local members of the taskforce will meet with the UC on November 30.

V. MEMBERS' REPORTS

- A. D. Misra reported that there is a long APBC meeting planned for Thursday to discuss budget issues and school/college realignment.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. A representative from faculty for the search and screen committee for the Vice Chancellor for University Relations and Communications is being sought. Names were suggested, and N. Rothfels will follow up with the suggested faculty.
- B. The search and screen committee for the UWM Compliance Officer was discussed, and it was decided that there was no need for another faculty member on the committee.
- C. The UC decided to provide comments on the LRB-2125 bill on free speech and academic freedom at UW institutions. N. Rothfels will draft the comments for the consideration of the committee.
- D. There was discussion on the Academic Staff School/College voting rights, and the appropriate committee to consider requests before the Faculty Senate votes on the requests. The UC decided to change the responsible committee from the Codification Committee to the Faculty Senate Rules Committee. The document will be revised and 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 2:46 p.m. The committee reconvened in open session at 3:01 p.m.

- IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Provost Britz will be at the November 16 meeting. The MORPHS membership drive will be discussed at a future meeting as well.

- XI. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.