

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
December 14, 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, J. Gardner, K. Nelson
Others Present: J. Nguyen

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – The meeting was called to order by N. Rothfels at 1:02 p.m.

- I. PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD – None
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the December 7, 2021 meeting were approved.
- III. SPECIAL GUESTS^a

Chancellor Mark Mone

- A. UWM is working with the Board of Regents to gain support for more funding for UWM.
- B. All the in-person commencement activities are proceeding as planned. The Honors Commencement ceremony on Dec. 13 was well-received. There will be make-up ceremonies on April 10 for the three cohorts of graduates who missed in-person ceremonies in the last year and a half.
- C. The COVID vaccine mandate has been dropped in light of the judicial ruling on the federal contractor requirement. The positivity rates for COVID tests among students has been under 3%, and under 2% for faculty and staff. Vaccination rates for faculty/staff are 88% and 94% for students.

Sustainability Director Kate Nelson and John Gardner

- A. There was a discussion of the UWM plan for reducing CO₂ emissions and conduct resilience planning to help meet climate change goals. Moving forward, it was suggested that there be a presentation on the plan to the Faculty Senate.

IV. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- A. N. Rothfels reported that the VC-DAR candidate interviews have been completed.
- B. The course schedule policy was released last week, and was met with opposition in various units. Faculty and staff from L&S expressed concern over the requirements that at least 15% of the schedule fall on Friday or Saturday, and that at least half of the schedule fall outside of the prime scheduling period. After the concerns were raised, the Registrar's office announced that these items should be considered recommendations and won't be strictly enforced for now.
- C. At Thursday's Faculty Senate meeting, there will be a Committee of the Whole discussion on the Teaching and Research Professor titles. There was a discussion on the types of questions to expect and how to respond to these questions.

V. MEMBERS' REPORTS

- A. J. Snethen reported that the PAC met and approved modifications to SAAP 1-08 and SAAP 7-05.
- B. D. Misra reported that the APBC will meet later this week, and will receive an update on GER reform. CIE coordinated a meeting with a university in Jordan to explore collaboration with UWM.

VI. NEW BUSINESS - None

VII. OLD BUSINESS - None

VIII. PERSONNEL MATTERS - None

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Chancellor Mone will be at the January 11, 2022 meeting, as will Dean Scott Gronert. Dean Gronert will provide an update of GER reform

XI. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.