

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 1, 2022
Teams Meeting
1:00 pm

Present: Professors E. Bornstein, D. Misra, G. Rodger, N. Rothfels,
M. Schwartz, J. Snethen
Excused: Professor V. Moerchen
Special Guests: J. Britz, K. Duce
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 January 25, 2022 meeting were approved.
- III. SPECIAL GUESTS^a

Provost Johannes Britz

- A. There will be another round of the VSIP this semester.
- B. The diversity faculty hiring initiative is being worked on. It is important that all units across campus are aware of the process to be used so that no units are left out of the opportunity.
- C. Much of the one-time carry-forward balances in the budget will be used for student support initiatives. Administration continues to work on a GPR increase from the Board of Regents.
- D. Next week the School/College realignment plan will be presented to the Education Committee of the Board of Regents.
- E. The beginning of the semester has been proceeding well from a COVID perspective.

Keri Duce, Director of External and Government Relations

- A. The UWM Student Voting Initiative was reviewed and discussed. Three initiatives for getting faculty more involved with the process were presented: (1) incorporating voting information onto the syllabus; (2) using a Canvas announcement leading up to elections; (3) having a class discussion on voter registration and voting at the beginning of a semester or as an election approaches. Concerns expressed included confusion as to what is allowed and not

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

allowed by law, and how having proposed language available from the campus administration for faculty to use. Suggestions of ways to make the information more widely known were made.

IV. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. N. Rothfels reported that a new Senator has been found for the Division of the Professions. A new representative from Division of General Studies for the APBC was needed and found.
- B. The Compliance and Ethics Officer interviews will be starting soon.
- C. The Associate VC for Human Resources interviews begin this week.

V. MEMBERS' REPORTS

- A. E. Bornstein reported that the AAFEC met on Friday.
- B. J. Snethan reported that the Policy Advisory Committee met and discussed a proposed SAAP on dual degrees, and approved SAAP 1-15 revisions.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. The UC decided to write a resolution in recognition of Interim UW System President Thompson's service for consideration and endorsement by the Faculty Senate.
- B. N. Rothfels presented a draft of a resolution acknowledging and endorsing the Climate Action Plan for consideration by the Faculty Senate. The wording was discussed and the resolution was approved by the UC by consensus.
- C. There was a discussion of the use of lengthy PowerPoint presentations in some of the reports to the Senate. The concern is that there are some presentations aren't well-timed, and often little time is left for feedback or questions from the Senators. Suggestions included allotting only five minutes for such presentations, and then having a second business item of five minutes for questions. Additionally, the UC would like the Rules Committee to consider recommending that presenters limit their presentations to 5 slides and only use them to graphically present data.

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 2:16 p.m. The committee reconvened in open session at 2:30 p.m.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Chancellor Mark Mone will be at the February 8 meeting.

XI. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.