

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE  
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
February 22, 2022  
Teams Meeting  
1:00 pm

Present: Professors E. Bornstein, D. Misra, V. Moerchen, G. Rodger, N. Rothfels,  
M. Schwartz, J. Snethen  
Special Guests: N. Oswald  
Others Present: J. Nguyen

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 February 15, 2022 meeting were approved.

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

ASC Chair Nicole Oswald

- A. The ASC recommended that the mask mandate stay in place until Spring Break.
- B. The ASC submitted feedback to the UW System as to what they would like to see the new System President focus on in his first 100 days in office.
- C. Dev Venugopalan will be presenting on the Teaching and Research Professor titles to the general meeting of Academic Staff in March.
- D. Members of the TTC Appeals panels are now trained. 171 appeals were filed by academic staff and 107 were filed by university staff. Sixty appeals have already been resolved.
- E. The Chancellor is having a Town Hall on March 15 which will focus on morale issues on campus.

IV. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. N. Rothfels reported that there is still a need for a senator from the Social Sciences. He will approach candidates who have expressed interest in the Faculty Senate in the past.
- B. The Compliance and Ethics Officer interviews are complete, and input on the candidates is being solicited.
- C. J. Urdan is willing to come to talk to the committee about free speech issues on

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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)

campus.

- D. The masking policy was discussed at the Chairs and Directors meeting last Friday. The Scenario Planning Work Group subsequently met on Monday, and then subgroups further met to discuss how to approach ending the mask mandate. The mandate will likely be kept in place until Spring Break.
- E. There was considerable frustration over the late notification of classes being cancelled today.

V. MEMBERS' REPORTS – None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. The UC by consensus decided to call a special University Faculty meeting for March 17, with a Faculty Senate meeting taking place if there is no quorum of University Faculty. The reason for this special meeting would be to consider changes to Chapter 1 of P&P.

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 1:38 p.m. The committee reconvened in open session at 1:56 p.m.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Provost Britz will be at the March 1 meeting. Additionally, the March 22 meeting will be cancelled.

X. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.