

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

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

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – The meeting was called to order by N. Rothfels at 1:03 p.m.

I. PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD – None

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the February 22, 2022 meeting were approved.

III. SPECIAL GUESTS^a

Provost Johannes Britz

- A. There will be a meeting with chairs, deans, and associate deans on Thursday to discuss the changes to the COVID masking policies scheduled for after Spring Break.
- B. Admitted student numbers are looking good in comparison to last year, and UWM has seen the largest increase in applicants for all UW campuses except UW-Parkside.
- C. To help maintain R1 status, there is a plan being pursued to offer scholarships to encourage Ph.D. students to complete their work in the Fall.

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 1:28 p.m. The committee reconvened in open session at 1:30 p.m.

IV. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. N. Rothfels reported that there have been two volunteers for being nominated from the floor of the Senate for the Natural Sciences Divisional Committee.
- B. G. Mitchell-Walthour has agreed to be a Faculty Senator for the semester.
- C. V. Moerchen and E. Drame were commended for their work on the Anti-Racism

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

training workshop held last Friday.

- D. There are reports of units indicating that university service will not be considered as part of tenure and promotion decisions. Rothfels will discuss the matter with the Provost later this week and possibly bring the matter to the attention of the Deans.
- E. There were multiple meetings of the Scenario Planning Working Group to develop guidance on how to proceed with changed masking requirements after Spring Break.
- F. There was some discussion on the potential name “College of Applied Social Sciences”.
- G. There was a Fiscal Misconduct Training session today, and concerns were expressed that there was too much of an assumption that fiscal misconduct is being committed by large numbers of employees. The committee will return to this discussion at its next meeting.

V. MEMBERS’ REPORTS – None

VI. NEW BUSINESS – None

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 2:04 p.m. The committee reconvened in open session at 2:24 p.m.

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

X. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.