

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 12, 2022
LUB N456 and Teams Meeting
1:00 pm

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

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 April 5, 2022 meeting were approved.
- III. SPECIAL GUESTS^a

Chancellor Mark Mone

- A. The recognition ceremony for virtual commencement graduates this past Sunday was well received by the participants.
- B. 285 people attended the Distinguished Alumni event this past Friday evening. Approximately 30 alumni were recognized.
- C. Work continues on the proposal for reallocation of GPR funds, with ongoing discussions with the System and Regents. The plan for increased scholarship funds would supplement this reallocation, and UWM is targeted to receive a significant fraction of these scholarship funds.
- D. The city will likely designate Building A of the Northwest Quad as a historic building. Building A requires tens of millions of dollars to bring up to code, and more funds would be needed to make the space useful. The state has already designated Building A as a historic structure, but has approved the demolition of the building. There will likely be a legal battle to resolve the dispute.
- E. COVID is being monitored, and there are plans in case changes to the COVID policy are needed.

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

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 1:40 p.m. The committee reconvened in open session at 1:45 p.m.

Interim Dean Jason Puskar and Professor John Berges

- A. There was a discussion that dissertations are required to be submitted to ProQuest prior to graduation. There is an exception for students whose dissertations consist primarily of creative writing. Concerns were expressed that students should not be required to turn over their intellectual work to a for-profit company for distribution, and publishers are increasingly refusing to publish work that is already available through ProQuest. There was an agreement to have the GFC consider the issue and see if policy changes are needed.

IV. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. N. Rothfels reported that the student survey on free speech has been delayed to the Fall.

V. MEMBERS' REPORTS – None

VI. NEW BUSINESS – None

VII. OLD BUSINESS – None

VIII. PERSONNEL MATTERS – None

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Provost Britz will be at the April 19 meeting.

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