

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE  
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
April 19, 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. Britz, K. Amato, M. Johnson, E. Levine, R. Van Harpen  
Others Present: None

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – The meeting was called to order by N. Rothfels at 1:00 p.m.

- I. PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD – None
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the April 12, 2022 meeting were approved.
- III. SPECIAL GUESTS<sup>a</sup>

Provost Johannes Britz

- A. The Interim Provost search is beginning, and Provost Britz will be available at UWM to assist in the transition.
- B. GER reform will proceed with the Interim Provost, as it is well-advanced at this point.
- C. Dean Behrens will be stepping down as dean. Amy Harley will stay on as interim dean and a search will be opened for a permanent dean for the Zilber College of Public Health.

Vice Chancellor Robin Van Harpen, Prof. Elana Levine, Sr. Director Michelle Johnson, Chief Compliance Officer Kathryn Amato

- A. There was a discussion of the messaging on the anti-fraud campaign. Concerns were raised on how faculty found the campaign offensive. Faculty and staff used their own money for supplies and equipment to get through the pandemic, and many did not appreciate feeling accused of fraud. Concerns were raised on the placement of the signs being in locations readily visible to students and community members. Consultation with the University Relations Committee or other faculty and staff bodies could have improved the messaging. There was a

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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)

need to get the messaging out quickly, which limited the ability to have wide consulting on the messaging.

- B. The relationship between the University Relations Committee and University Relations was discussed. Currently, members of University Relations provide updates to the URC a few times a semester, and there doesn't appear to currently be much governance use for the URC. It is planned to revisit the purpose of the URC.

#### IV. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. N. Rothfels reported that the VC-MCUR search has been failed. It will reopen after consultation with a search firm.
- B. The Chancellor's Expanded Cabinet meeting focused on the Union remodeling project.
- C. N. Rothfels followed up with Jaime Cimpl-Wiemer and Provost Britz to try to get data on faculty employment.
- D. The Faculty Senate meeting is this Thursday.

#### V. MEMBERS' REPORTS – None

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of faculty representatives for the Interim Provost search committee

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 2:25 p.m. The committee reconvened in open session at 2:46 p.m.

#### VII. OLD BUSINESS – None

#### VIII. PERSONNEL MATTERS – None

#### IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – ASC Chair Oswald and M. Priem will be at the April 26 meeting.

#### X. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.