

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

**Academic Staff Senate**

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

2:30 pm

Virtual Meeting via Teams

**MINUTES**

Present: C. Bogner, M. Brown, S. Cashin, N. Claas, A. Conrardy, T. Crary, K. Faust, L. Fleck, S. Hayes, J. Herriges, K. Jahnke, K. Koch, G. Lukaszewicz, D. Lorge, A. Meddaugh, M. Moore-Geissler, M. Murphy-Lee, N. Oswald, K. Parrish Baker, C. Roberson, S. Silet, M. Steigerwald, J. Steinheiser, S. Strehlow, A. Thiel, A. Wrench  
Absent: N. Chin, D. Cordas, M. Priem, J. Schmidt R. Trumbull-Holper, V. Volante  
Guests: Johannes Britz, Scott Gronert

- I. *Call to Order.* Chair N. Oswald called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm.
- II. *Automatic Consent.*
  - A. Agenda was approved as presented.
  - B. Minutes – March 8, 2022 were approved as presented.
- III. *Chair's Report.* N. Oswald reported the following: 1. Today's press release from interim UWS President Mike Falbo that UW Madison Badger Promise Program will be extended to all UWS institutions. 2. The UC is proposing revisions to SAAP 07-05, *Emeritus/a Status Faculty, Academic Staff and University Staff*, to the Provost for inserting inclusive language. 3. VC for MCUR finalists were on campus last week and feedback is being solicited now. 4. UWM will host Board of Regents meetings in June. 5. Sr. Vice Chancellor R. Van Harpen will meet with the ASC next Monday to give update on pay progression and TTC appeals update. 6. HR will distribute an email to all lecturers about retitling to the teaching faculty (1, 2, 3 or 4) titles in consultation with deans and chairs.
- IV. *Guests.*
  - A. Provost Britz expressed he is cautiously optimistic about enrollments and hopeful for increased GPR funds from the BOR. He will be meeting with deans next week about creating standard principles for the new schools. The demolition of the NWQ has been delayed. Britz described the April 10<sup>th</sup> Virtual Graduates Recognition Ceremony as very emotional and "the best ceremony he has attended." A question was raised about the mask mandate being reinstated if COVID cases continue to rise. Britz said UWM is monitoring data and current CDC guidelines to make decisions moving forward.
  - B. Dean S. Gronert provided an update on the 2030 Core Curriculum Action Team. The GER Reform model which involves obtaining feedback from all schools and colleges. They are examining the issues with current GER breadth requirement. He noted in Fall 2021, there were 367 unique GER breadth lecture courses and 90% of enrollment was in 171 of them. Currently GERs not well connected to UWS learning goals, heavy burden on faculty to manage so many courses, and assessment of unwieldy GER portfolio is difficult and may impact UWM HLC accreditation. The model under consideration would require one course from each area of inquiry (Natural World, Shared Human Experience, Health and Wellness, Creating Aesthetic Innovation, Global Perspectives,

and Cultural Diversity) for a total of at least 18 total student hours. A plan to build a management structure within Academic Affairs working with the APCC GER Subcommittee to guide and assist schools and colleges with selection of courses within the areas of inquiry and with monitoring of enrollment in courses. The Action Team will continue to meet with campus groups to answer questions and obtain feedback.

V. *Unfinished Business.* None.

VI. *New Business.* None.

VII. *Committee Reports.*

A. Standing Committees – None.

B. Subcommittees – None.

VIII. *General Good and Welfare.* N. Oswald will be taking maternity leave and return in August. M. Priem will serve as chair in Oswald's absence.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 pm.