

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE  
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
April 26, 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, M. Priem  
Others Present: D. Hamilton

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 April 19, 2022 meeting were approved.

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

ASC Chair Nicole Oswald and ASC Vice-Chair Mike Priem

- A. Mike Priem will be the ASC Chair next year, and Kathleen Koch will be the ASC Vice-Chair.
- B. Teaching faculty titles were discussed. Deans will have until August 1 to assign new titles to Instructional Academic Staff. Discussions continue on the appeal process.
- C. School/College realignment guidelines are being put together. Forced moves of probationary or indefinite status academic staff will retain their status in their new unit.
- D. There are plans to form a workgroup to look at campus-wide workload guidelines for Academic Staff.

IV. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. There was some discussion on the in-person vs. hybrid format for Faculty Senate meetings and UC meetings.
- B. N. Rothfels reported the Interim Provost Screening committee will be meeting to review the applications on Friday. Interviews would then follow, with a start date expected to be May 15.
- C. AAUP asked Vice Chancellor Van Harpen for a review of salaries in CGS. VC Van Harpen does not want to conduct this study at this time due to the limited

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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)

resources available to fix any salary issues.

- D. N. Rothfels has had further discussions with Professor Berges regarding the ProQuest requirement, and electronic deposit of dissertations and theses in general. While some schools are not requiring the use of ProQuest, they often require electronic deposit to their own institution's depository.

V. MEMBERS' REPORTS

- A. J. Snethen reported that the Policy Advisory Committee met. SAAP revisions for Incomplete Grades and Emerit Status were approved. A proposed SAAP on concurrent degrees was approved.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. The campus procedures for notifications of student deaths were discussed. Concerns were raised regarding overdose deaths and that education on drug use could be improved. The UC would like to be made aware of efforts that are made to educate students on potential dangers, especially when highlighted by a student death. The UC would also like to be annually updated on campus policy for responding to a student's death.

- B. Discussion of Distinguished Professor Title.

An executive committee asked if recommending a faculty member for consideration as a Distinguished Professor is a personnel action. It was decided that recommending someone for distinguished professor is not a personnel action, as "Distinguished Professor" is not a rank and instead an honorific designation.

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 1:52 p.m. The committee reconvened in open session at 2:09 p.m.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Provost Britz will be at the May 3 meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.