

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

**Academic Staff Senate**

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

2:30 pm MS Teams

MINUTES

Present: C. Bogner, S. Cashin, N. Chin, N. Claas, A. Conrardy, D. Cordas, T. Crary, K. Faust, L. Fleck, J. Herriges, K. Jahnke, K. Koch, G. Lukaszewicz, D. Lorge, A. Meddaugh, M. Moore-Geissler, M. Murphy-Lee, K. Parrish Baker, M. Priem, J. Schmidt, S. Silet, M. Steigerwald, J. Steinheiser, S. Strehlow, A. Thiel, V. Volante A. Wrench

Absent: M. Brown, S. Hayes, N. Oswald, C. Roberson, R. Trumbull-Holper

Guests: Johannes Britz, Lisa Hager, Richard Thomas

- I. *Call to Order.* Acting Chair M. Priem called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm and introduced himself.
- II. *Automatic Consent.*
  - A. Agenda was approved as presented.
  - B. Minutes – April 12, 2022 were approved as presented.
  - C. SAAPS: 01-13- Incomplete Grades, 01-17-Concurrent Degrees, 07-05 Emerit Status – No concerns raised.
- III. *Chair's Report.* M. Priem reported that since the April Senate meeting the ASC has met twice. ASC met with VC Robin Van Harpen and Makda Fessahaye, the new AVC of HR, and provided an overview of the role of the ASC and AS Senate in campus governance. ASC discussed the status of the TTC project and stressed the importance of transparency and involvement of academic staff in anything that affects policies and procedures for AS. The status of teaching faculty titles and the related appeals process, requesting improved frequency and quality of communications around all aspects of TTC were also topics discussed by ASC with VC Van Harpen and AVC Fessahaye. The ASC offered its congratulations to Provost Britz on his new position at UW-System. Provost Britz shared his intent to continue an active presence on-campus. Provost Britz supported the ASC's request for feedback on the School and College re-alignment guiding principles and to that end, the committee has invited D. Venugopalan and S. Schmid to the May 15<sup>th</sup> ASC meeting to discuss the document. ASC held elections for the 2022-23 chair and co-chair positions, electing Kathleen Koch as vice-chair and M. Priem as chair. ASC passed a resolution on the Work of the UW-System's Caregiving & Covid-19 Task force and nominated several ASC members to serve on the academic staff workload policy work group charged by D. Venugopalan. On May 2<sup>nd</sup> ASC met with Chancellor Mone, who provided an updates on the Interim Provost recruitment, the re launch of the recruitment for the Vice Chancellor for Marketing, Communications, and University Relations, and the three dean recruitments that will be launched in fall. Nigel Rothfels, Chair of the University Committee, joined last week's ASC meeting and talked about the UC's latest work on removing the requirement to submit theses and dissertations electronically using ProQuest, their discussion with the University Relations Committee about the fraud posters that were hung around campus, and the teaching faculty titles. He also noted the UC will not meet over the summer months. M. Priem reported on the May 6<sup>th</sup> UWS Governance meeting which included discussion of the upcoming Free Speech Survey, an update from Dan Chanen, UWS AVP of HR, and updates from UWS Government Relations representatives regarding actions and efforts related to the upcoming election season and potential, resulting impacts to UWS and the Board of Regents.
- IV. *Guests.*
  - A. Provost Britz congratulated Scott Gronert on his appointment as interim provost and said he is transitioning to new position which is "sad but exciting." He believes UWM has turned

the corner on enrollments and acknowledged the hard work of faculty and staff. He emphasized he will continue to represent UWM in the forefront. M. Priem read resolution of the AS Senate formally acknowledging the invaluable contributions of Provost Britz to UWM's culture and mission. J. Herriges moved and K. Koch seconded adopting AS Document 133: AS Senate Resolution Commemorating Johannes Britz's Service as Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at UWM. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Richard Thomas, Director, UWM Student Union provided a presentation on the renovation updates. The Union will remain the same structure. R. Thomas provided overview of the history of project, details, and outcomes. The renovations have been ongoing since early Fall 2021 and are expected to be complete by January 2023.

V. *Unfinished Business.* None.

VI. *New Business.*

- A. AS Document 132: Academic Staff Senate Resolution on the Work of the UW-System's Caregiving & COVID-19 Task Force. Associate Professor Lisa Hager provided overview of the work of the Taskforce. J. Herriges moved and T. Crary seconded approving AS Document 132 as presented. Motion passed with unanimous vote.

VII. *Committee Reports.*

- A. Standing Committees – None.
- B. Subcommittees- None.

VIII. *General Good and Welfare.* M. Priem noted the next AS Senate is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. He wished all a great end of the semester and told Senators to take some time to get outside to rejuvenate their spirits after yet another intense academic year.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm.