

# Academic Planning and Budget Committee

Thursday, May 12, 2022  
Via Microsoft Teams

## MINUTES

Present: S. Boyd, S. Cashin, M. Cosgrove, T. Dunn, N. Fleisher, J. Herriges, J. Kapellusch, G. Lukaszewicz, T. Malaby, D. Misra, W. Otieno, B. Peters, K. Surerus, A. Swartz

Absent: K. Beckmann, P. Klajbor, V. Sibilkov, S. Tripathi

Guests: J. Britz (Provost), S. Gronert (Letters & Science), D. Venugopalan (Academic Affairs)

- i) Call to order-The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.
- ii) Approval of the minutes from March 17, 2022-The minutes were approved as submitted.
- iii) Provost's Update-This was Provost Britz last meeting with the APBC before moving on to his new position with System. The Committee thanked him for his work with the committee. He thanked the committee for their work over the years and spoke to the changing dynamic between the committee and Campus Administration. There is a much more collaborative working relationship which helps develop planning and budgeting for campus. Provost Britz will still work with UWM as a liaison with System and also will teach from time to time as his schedule allows.
  - a. Campus R1 status has been renewed despite budget challenges and challenges from the Pandemic.
  - b. Four- and Six-year graduation rates have improved significantly which helps not only with increased funding but helps with retention and recruitment for our students.
  - c. Increased GPR funding is looking more of a possibility from the Regents as budgets are being finalized for the upcoming year. We will know more soon.
- iv) Chairs' Update-There was no update from the chairs.
- v) Letters & Science Low Producing Programs Report-D. Venugopalan and S. Gronert were on hand to present the report and answer questions from the committee. The report discussed those programs that produced PhDs over the past five years at a rate of about 1 per year. Some members expressed

concern at just looking at numbers of graduates as numbers alone do not tell the whole story. The report reflects changes in programs over the past five years but with the recent pandemic it may not accurately reflect what potential numbers may be. For example, Atmospheric Sciences will be moving schools to see if a different focus will help improve their numbers and better serve their students. The report highlights problem areas which the Campus can focus on improving graduation and retention rates in these areas. This will help to boost not only their PhD output but improve student success both graduate and undergraduate for these areas.

- vi) Election of Chairs for 2022-2023-K. Surerus and A. Swartz were unanimously elected co-chairs for 2022-2023.
- vii) Meetings in Summer, dates and locations-The committee unanimously that they will meet over the summer via TEAMS if there is business. If there is not any business, they will not meet.
- viii) Member updates
  - a. Physical Environment Committee-T. Malaby-The Transportation Subcommittee reported that UWM is working to become more Pedestrian Friendly. There will be a study done to see what options will be available to campus to be greener and more pedestrian friendly and how feasible these options will be and at what cost.
  - b. GER/CCAT update-A. Swartz-There will be more information forthcoming in the Fall. A. Swartz will invite D. Clark to update the committee in the Fall to give a better picture of the changes that will be implemented.
- ix) New or other Business-There was no other or new business.
- x) Adjournment-The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

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