

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE  
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
September 6, 2022  
LUB N456  
1:00 pm

Present: Professors J. Boyland, L. Hager, G. Rodger, M. Schwartz, J. Snethen  
Excused: None  
Others Present: S. Gronert

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

I. PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD – None

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the August 30, 2022 meeting were approved.

III. SPECIAL GUEST<sup>a</sup> - Interim Provost Scott Gronert

- A. The campus is experiencing a decrease of about 2% in overall enrollment. Undergraduate enrollment is down by about 2.5%, and graduate enrollment is down by about 0.3%. UWM is up about 4% in new undergraduate students, and up about 10% in new graduate students. The freshman-to-sophomore retention rate is down, and efforts are being made to improve the academic performance of this year's freshmen class to keep more students in good standing.
- B. There is some controversy in using volunteers in dining services. The call for volunteers was prompted by the difficulty of finding students for these positions.
- C. The Provost is meeting with Deans tomorrow to discuss rollout of the Teaching Professor title.

IV. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. There will be a student survey from UW System about perceptions of free speech rights administered to all campuses later this semester. Geoff Peterson from UW – Eau Claire made a presentation on the survey to UWM governance reps last Thursday. Concerns were raised over the student sampling plan potentially underrepresenting the Madison and Milwaukee campuses. There appears to be competent researchers engaged with the process, and the survey should result in useful data.

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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)

V. MEMBERS' REPORTS

- A. J. Snethen reported that the Policy Advisory Committee met and approved revisions to SAAP 7-05 (Emerit Status), SAAP 10-12 (COVID policy), and the elimination of SAAP 1-14 (Majors in two colleges).
- B. L. Hager brought up an issue of the use of paper ballots versus electronic voting for department chair. The Secretary of the University will clarify allowed voting methods for different types of votes.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OLD BUSINESS

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 voice vote, closed session began at 1:58 p.m. The committee reconvened in open session at 2:30 p.m.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Chancellor Mone will be at the September 13, 2022 meeting. Discussions of the SSEA reorganization plans and the revisions to the promotion to Full Professor process will also be done in the future.

X. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.