

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE  
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
February 7, 2023  
LUB N456  
1:45 pm

Present: Professors J. Boyland, K. Dolan, L. Hager, L. McHenry, 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 1:45 p.m. The agenda was approved.

- I. PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD – None
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the January 31, 2023 meeting were approved.
- III. SPECIAL GUEST<sup>a</sup>

Interim Provost Scott Gronert

- A. Dave Clark has been tasked with working with the Testing Center to help it get in a position to provide the services needed by faculty and staff. It is also important to have the Testing Center be able to implement the course evaluation software being purchased by the UW System. The past reduction in staff appears to have happened through attrition and occurred prior to the shift in the Testing Center to UITS. The UC continued to express concern over how the decision to reduce the Testing Center's functionality was made.
- B. Concerns were raised over the relationship between on-line evaluations and the faculty promotion process. The return rate for on-line evaluations is often poor, and faculty will have difficulty demonstrating their teaching ability with these limited results.
- C. The dean searches are moving forward, with the ZCPH search being delayed to the Fall.

IV. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. M. Schwartz reported that he will attend the Board of Regents meeting in Madison on Thursday.
- B. The Faculty Reps met last Friday. At the meeting, there was concern over the lack of a press release highlighting positive aspects of the Student Free Speech

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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)

Survey. Also, there is some proposed legislation to eliminate System control over what is considered GER courses in the technical college systems.

V. MEMBERS' REPORTS

- A. K. Dolan reported that there may be a need to revise the PTR policy to consider a case where a faculty member does not participate in a remediation process.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Response to Results from Student Free Speech Survey

The UC did not think that a response to the Student Free Speech Survey was warranted at this time.

- B. Faculty Senate Representative to Chancellor's Advisory Committee for LGBTQ+ Advocacy

L. Hager, G. Rodger, and J. Snethen all volunteered to serve on the committee. A decision will be made at a future meeting.

- C. Faculty Transfer Policy

The UC approved the rewritten Faculty Transfer Policy.

- D. Senator Tim O'Brien has asked for a leave of absence for the spring semester from the Faculty Senate. The UC approved this request.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. SSEA Procedures Revisions

The UC found the revised SSEA procedures acceptable. The current SSEA also finds the revised procedures basically acceptable. The revisions will be considered again at a future meeting.

VIII. PERSONNEL MATTERS – None

- IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Chancellor Mone will be at the February 14 meeting. The SSEA Procedures revisions will also be finalized.

- X. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.