

University Staff Senate

November 15, 2022

Via TEAMS only

MINUTES

Present: J. Almquist, E. Cochrane, K. Czerniakowski, P. Dixon, G. Dukes, C. Fitzpatrick, P. Geraci, K. Harris, G. Henion, S. Kennedy, T. Nation, C. Parks, K. Premeau, P. Reilly, R. Sauers, T. Steffan, M. Vallejo, R. Wahl, C. Warneke, W. Wendt, L. Wiczorek, S. Wirka

Absent: J. Azinger, A. Dempsey-Fischer, C. Kremer, L. Perryman Ramsey, P. Smith, K. Valerius, A.J. Williams, S. Yasaitis

Guest: M. Mone, M. Fessahaye

- I. Call to Order-The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.
- II. Approval of minutes for October 18, 2022-The minutes were approved via autoconsent.
- III. Chancellor Mone update-
 - a. The Chancellor will give an update to campus on November 15.
 - b. Now that the elections are finalized the campus can focus on the budget for campus.
 - i. Campus is working toward an increase of 4/4% and having it fully funded
 - ii. The Wisconsin Promise program will hopefully be fully funded by the state.
 - iii. Campus is looking to have a Base budget increase to help offset costs and inflation.
 - iv. Campus is also working on several capitol projects and getting those completed.
 - v. The Provost Search and Screen is progressing with interviews coming to UWM Main campus in December.
- IV. Human Resources Q & A-M. Fessahaye, CHRO was on hand to answer questions from the Senate with issues. TTC is still progressing slowly and will have an update sent to the Senate on outcomes. Next round of reviews should be wrapping up before the holiday break. If Senators have further issues/questions they can be sent to G. Dukes or M. Fessahaye directly.
- V. Chair Update-
 - a. S. Yasaitis is doing well and would enjoy hearing from people. G. Dukes will send his mailing address to those who would like to send a card or letter.
 - b. G. Dukes asked the Senators what issues/topics should be addressed in the next semester. Send topic to Chair Dukes at dukes@uwm.edu so she can invite speakers to the Senate in Spring.
 - c. Volunteers for Graduation can write to Secretary of the University's office. If you can't make December's Ceremony and would like to volunteer for May just write to secofunv@uwm.edu.
- VI. SAAP 1-12-Honorary Degrees-Autoconsent-SAAP 1-12 was approved via autoconsent.
- VII. Member Reports-
 - a. Physical Environment Committee (PEC)-NWQ A building will come down soon. There will be some noise but classes should not be affected. There may be some disruption to Maryland or Hartford avenue as large equipment moves in and out of the area.
 - b. US Nomination Committee-The committee met to appoint someone to the CIO search and screen to campus.
- VIII. New/Other Business-

- a. New Colleges-The progress on the new colleges is moving forward but slower than anticipated. For those in the colleges news and organization has been slow. While on a University level, things have progressed, but on the departmental level things seem to have slowed. Several Senators were concerned about lack of information for day-to-day business in the re-organization. Some of the biggest concerns seem to be lack of information and lack of support for those in the schools/colleges as the transitions move forward.
- b. No information on Length of Service Awards for the last several years (since the Pandemic in 2020). Will there be a ceremony? This event is handled usually through Human Resources/Chancellor's office. Senators would like more information about this.
- c. There was no other new or other business.

IX. Adjournment-The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

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