

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

**Academic Staff Senate**

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

2:30 pm MS Teams

**MINUTES**

Present: M. Brown, N. Chin, A. Conrardy, D. Cordas, T. Crary, K. Faust, L. Fleck, S. Hayes, K. Huettl, K. Jahnke, K. Koch, E. Kuhnen, D. Lorge, G. Lukaszewicz, P. Lucey, A. Meddaugh, L. Meng, M. Moore-Geissler, M. Murphy-Lee, M. Priem, J. Reindl, C. Roberson, S. Silet, S. Stalewski, M. Steigerwald, J. Steinheiser, D. Van Kerkvoorde, H. Vara, N. Welk-Joerger

Absent: V. Volante

Guests: Dave Clark, Scott Gronert, Lynne Jones, Keith Kunkel, Mark Mone, Dev Venugopalan

- I. *Call to Order.* Chair M. Priem called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm.
- II. *Automatic Consent.*
  - A. Agenda – Approved as presented.
  - B. Minutes of February 14, 2023 – Approved as presented.
  - C. SAAP 11-12 Information Security Policy – No concerns raised.
- III. *Chair's Report.* M. Priem reported the ASC met twice since the February Senate meeting to discuss revisions to ASPPP Chapters 101 and 104, ASC member S. Stalewski's work with the Pay Progression workgroup, survey on TTC which was sent to deans and division heads on March 1<sup>st</sup>, workgroup on reviewing the future of the Orientation Subcommittee, and talked with Chancellor Mone, Interim Provost Gronert, AVC of HR Makda Fessahaye, and University Committee Chair Mark Schwartz. M. Priem gave reminder about the mandatory trainings and the April 30<sup>th</sup> deadline to have performance evaluations filed.
- IV. *Guests.*
  - A. Interim Provost S. Gronert provided update on enrollment; School of Freshwater Sciences dean survey deadline was extended to March 16<sup>th</sup>; met with UWS Provost and Research Officers group who are looking at increasing research expenditures; requests for Teaching Professor titles are being reviewed; and new Provost Andrew Daire has been on campus meeting with groups and individuals. Gronert noted he is interested in discussing the results of the survey about TTC.
  - B. Vice Provost D. Venugopalan provided update on UWM's reaccreditation visit (May 8-9) and shared the timeline, noting the draft report will be shared for internal review in June.
  - C. Chancellor M. Mone recognized D. Venugopalan's work on the reaccreditation and the valuable work of all academic staff. He reported: 1. The importance of athletics to the visibility of campus and generating philanthropic support. 2. He is excited about the future of SFS. 3. UWS Freedom of Expression survey mixed results which lead to Mone and President Rothman hosting a panel on April 4<sup>th</sup>. 4. Mone continues to address criticisms of higher education and advocate for the value of higher education. 5. On the governor's capital budget, noting the health sciences renovation project was not recommended for funding despite being ranked the #3 project by the UW System and Board of Regents. Efforts are underway to restore this critical project. 6. Discussions with the Board of Regents and the legislature regarding a tuition increase are ongoing.
  - D. Vice Provost D. Clark gave update on the GER reform and restated being charged with improving the student experience.

V. *New Business.*

- A. AS Document 135 Revisions to the AS Senate Bylaws – D. Van Kerkvoorde moved and T. Cray seconded approving AS Document 135 as presented. Motion passed with vote of 70-0-25.
- B. Nominations from the Floor – Lynne Jones, Chair, AS Nominations Committee, gave Committee report and opened nominations for the Nominations Committee. Nicole Beier self-nominated. Nominations were closed. L. Jones opened nominations for the Non-Teaching AS Review Committee. Kristin Woodward self-nominated. Nominations were closed. L. Jones moved and M. Priem seconded approving the eligible nominations from the floor as documented. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. *Committee Reports.*

- A. Standing Committees –
  - 1. K. Esguerra reported the AS Codification Committee recently met and approved amendments to ASPPP Chapters 101 and 104.
  - 2. E. Kuhnen reported the AS Awards Committee forwarded nomination for the 2023 Regents Excellence Award and the deadline for UWM's AS Outstanding Performance and Service and Outstanding Teaching Award is March 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - 3. D. Van Kerkvoorde reported the AS Hearing & Appeals Committee will meet to review amendments to the bylaws.
- B. Subcommittees – J. Herriges, co-chair, Non-Instructional AS Subcommittee, reported they are working on applying for the AS Professional Development award to fund broader workshops or presentations.

VII. *General Good and Welfare.* M. Priem noted it was devastating for campus and the Chancellor in not getting funding for the College of Health Sciences project. It is crucial to consolidate the College into that one facility and free up space in buildings across campus for other units. He reported that the A wing of the NWQ is almost completely down and the final work on that project will be the construction of a new entryway on the east side of the building that will include enclosed glass space. M. Murphy-Lee expressed concerns about accessibility to NWQ for those with physical and vision disabilities with the construction. Discussion about the reduction in UWM offering probationary contracts occurred. There is significant concern about the campus not adhering to policies and procedures. ASC will continue to monitor.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 4:09 pm.