

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 4, 2023
LUB N456
1:00 pm

Present: Professors J. Boyland, K. Dolan, L. Hager, L. McHenry, G. Rodger, M. Schwartz,
J. Snethen
Excused: None
Others Present: S. Gronert, B. Peters, N. Rothfels

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

- I. PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD – None
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the March 14, 2023 meeting were approved.
- III. SPECIAL GUESTS^a

Dean Brett Peters

- A. Dean Peters requested continued augmentation of the Materials Science and Engineering Department. The committee agreed with the request.

Interim Provost Scott Gronert

- A. The March 16th incident in the library was discussed. Concerns have been raised about the communications with campus during and after the event. Consideration is being given to what type of communication can be sent to the campus if such events occur in the future. There are also ongoing discussions regarding security in the library in general.
- B. UWM has been monitoring the activities of the Washington County Taskforce. This taskforce has suggested a merger between UWM-Washington County and the Moraine Park Technical College with MPTC managing the associate degree level work within both units. Neither school has been involved in the discussions. Faculty at UWM-Washington County have been assured that they are UWM faculty. L. Hager noted that this might be a test case for building community colleges for other counties to consider, and reminded the Provost that the branch campuses are in need of more resources.

Interim Dean Nigel Rothfels

- A. Interim Dean Rothfels requested that the UC consider proposing revisions to P&P 5.13(1) regarding awarding credit for prior service. He suggested that the dean be

^a The Committee may go into closed session to discuss personnel matters according to Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(f)

given more flexibility in awarding credit for prior service to give incoming faculty more opportunity for earning tenure.

- B. Interim Dean Rothfels informed the committee that there is no clear procedure in place for eliminating Department-Like Bodies (DLB). There was a discussion about ways to move forward if there is a need to eliminate a DLB.

IV. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. M. Schwartz briefly outlined the agenda.

V. MEMBERS' REPORTS

- A. L. McHenry reported that the SFS Dean Search has completed its business and the decision on the hire is in the hands of the administration.
- B. K. Dolan reported that the APBC did not meet since the last meeting, but meets later this week.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of March 16th Library Incident

See the Provost Update above.

- B. Discussion about Student/Faculty Interactions in Departments

J. Snethen informed the committee that students during the CACLGBTQ+A committee meeting reported some cases of faculty denigrating their identities. As a result, some students feel unsafe or unwelcome on campus. A discussion ensued on the need to educate faculty about treating everyone equally and respectfully and the need to provide students with a pathway for safe reporting.

- C. Discussion about the Washington County Campus Merger Proposal

See the Provost Update above.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. SSEA Revised Procedures

The UC approved by consensus the new revisions to the SSEA procedures.

VIII. PERSONNEL MATTERS – None

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Chancellor Mone will be at the April 11 meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.