

University Staff Senate

JUNE 20, 2023

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Present: J. Almquist, J. Azinger, E. Cochrane, A. Dempsey Fischer, G. Dukes, C. Fitzpatrick, P. Geraci, K. Harris, G. Henion, S. Kennedy, T. Nation, C. Parks, L. Perryman Ramsey, K. Premeau, P. Reilly, K. Valerius, M. Vallejo, R. Wahl, C. Warneke, W. Wendt, S. Wirka

Absent: P. Dixon, R. Sauers, P. Smith, T. Steffan, L. Wiczorek

Guests: M. Mone, S. Weslow, S. Yasaitis

- I. Call to Order-The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.
- II. Approval of minutes for May 16, 2023-The minutes were approved via autoconsent.
- III. Chancellor Update-The Chancellor did not have any updates. He will update the Senate at the next meeting.
- IV. Recognition of Service-S. Yasaitis-Chancellor Mone started the festivities off with recognizes S. Yasaitis' service and dedication to the University. S. Yasaitis was on hand to share in his many accolades. The highlights of the accolades were:
 - Mayor Johnson of Milwaukee declared June 20, 2023 as S. Yasaitis day for his service and dedication to the University and Milwaukee.
 - Governor Evers recognized S. Yasaitis for his contributions to the State of Wisconsin and their workers.
 - Senator L. Taylor and the State Senate recognize S. Yasaitis for his contributions to the University, County and State.
 - K. Valerius recognized S. Yasaitis on behalf of the University Staff Senate for his contributions to University Staff and the UWM Campus.
 - G. Dukes current Chair of the US Senate Thanked S. Yasaitis for his dedication, service and vision for the University Staff Senate.
- V. Chair Update-There have been a few changes to custodial scheduling. G. Dukes has been in discussions with Human Resources about it to discuss it further. G. Dukes will present more information as she gets it.
- VI. Thank you to members leaving Senate-Chair G. Dukes thanked all members who will be leaving the Senate for their service. Anyone wishing to serve again, please run again.
- VII. Welcome New Members-G. Dukes welcomed any new members who may be in attendance. The first meeting for new members will be the July meeting. There will be a presentation and overview of Governance at the July meeting for Orientation of new

members. Secretary of the University J. Reisel will also be there to present.

VIII. Committee/Member Reports-

- K. Valerius announced that there were no formal Step 2 Grievances for the Grievance Committee for 2022-2023.
- K. Valerius was asked if Exit Interviews have been discussed. Yes Exit Interviews for all have been put into place by Human Resources. This was part of the University Staff Survey that people wanted. If you leave your position for any reason you will be able to do an Exit Interview now on our campus. This will help the campus improve relations.
- A. Dempsey Fischer updated the Senate on the Awards committee. Awards have been submitted to the Chancellor's office and will be announced in the Fall for Fall Awards. The committee continues to meet to revise their documents to make the Awards nomination process smoother.
- G. Henion updated the Senate on the Nominations committee. They will meet in July to discuss committee meeting and other Nominations needs.
- L. Eastman will present the Governance overview at the July Senate for new Senators and returning Senators alike. All are welcome to attend this informational presentation.

IX. New/Other Business-11:55 a.m.

X. Adjournment-The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.