

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - MILWAUKEE  
FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Thursday, May 11, 2023; 2:30 p.m.  
Curtin 175 and Microsoft Teams**

Chancellor Mark Mone called the Faculty Senate Meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

**I. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Chancellor Mone introduced special guest UW System President Jay O. Rothman.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to go into committee of the whole at 2:30 p.m.

MOTION: It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to rise from the committee of the whole at 3:20 p.m.

**II. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

1. Academic Staff Committee Report: Mike Priem, Chair  
Chair Priem reported that the ASC unanimously elected Susan Stalewski from the College of Health Sciences to serve as chair in 2023-24.
2. Physical Environment Committee Report: Stephen White, Vice Chair  
The report is attached.
3. Student Association (SA) Report: Amillia Heredia, President  
The report is attached.

Chancellor Mone welcomed incoming President Sierra Lee to role and recognized President Amillia Heredia for all the hard work she has done for UWM.

**II. SENATE ROLL CALL**

Secretary of the University John Reisel conducted the roll call for the Senate. There were 38 senators and Parliamentarian Wilkistar Otieno present. A quorum of the Faculty Senate was present.

Senators who miss roll call may sign their name on the Attendance Sign-in Sheet located in the back of the room. The sign-in sheet will be available at every Faculty Senate meeting. If attending remotely, Senators may send an email during the meeting time containing their name, department, and division to the Secretary of the University's Office: [secofunv@uwm.edu](mailto:secofunv@uwm.edu).

**III. BUSINESS**

1. 2030 Research Team Update. Vice Provost for Research Mark Harris and Associate Vice Provost for Research Kristian O'Connor presented. [Click here to view the report.](#)

Senator Kay Wells expressed concern about the impact budget cuts have on research funding for conferences and other activities.

2. 2030 Update on GER Reform. Vice Provost for Student Success Dave Clark presented. [Click here to view the report.](#)

Senator Derek Counts asked about offering a general "how to college" course. Vice Provost Clark responded that the workgroup is looking into embedding that material into regular GER courses.

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None.**

**V. GENERAL GOOD AND WELFARE**

Chancellor Mone recognized and thanked the Senators who are leaving the Faculty Senate: Suzanne Boyd, Benjamin Campbell, Michael Carvan, Avik Chakrabarti, Jennifer Fink, Ron Gulotta, Lisa Hager, Lane Hall, Sam Helwany, Sunwoong Kim, Joshua Mersky, Stuart Moulthrop, Mark D. Schwartz, Valeriy Sibilkov, Julia Snethen, Jeffrey Sommers, Karen Stoiber, and Anika Wilson.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT** -The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

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**Physical Environment Committee (PEC) – Stephen White, Vice Chair**

The PEC has met twice since our last Faculty Senate report:

- Mike Priem reported on the utilization and demand of General Assignment Classrooms and an overview of the UWS Instructional Space Project program.
- Melissa Spadanuda provided an overview of the Governor’s budget recommendations as they relate to campus major projects.
- We provided input on:
  - o Building Chairperson policy revision
  - o Facility Access and use Policy for Unaffiliated Individuals
- we received an update from the PEC Transportation subcommittee on campus pedestrian safety efforts that are being coordinated with the city. These improvements are expected to be installed on Kenwood and Downer this summer.

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**Student Associate (SA) – Amillia Heredia, President, and Sierra Lee, President Elect**

Passing of the gavel occurred this past Sunday, which was a success. The event was followed by the last senate meeting of the semester, where we confirmed all of the new exec folks, both hired and elected. Aside from that, a resolution for Restaurant Operations was passed. There have been several student testimonials sent in, along with discussions on the Panthers Families Facebook page, regarding concerns about the current food options (or lack thereof) in the resident halls and Student Union and how they are directly negatively impacting student life on campus. Not only have there been concerns and complaints regarding the quality of food, but some students have either contemplated leaving or have left the university due to the lack of dietary specific food options. There is a collaboration to tackle this issue that includes dining administration, Student Association, and the Student Housing Administrative Council.

Furthermore, various conversations and collaborations between Student Association and administrators has led to the creation of the campus climate safety forum, which was held on Tuesday. Students were rightfully frustrated and shared invaluable feedback and perspectives with the administrators in the room. There are plans to hold another forum in the Fall, as it was agreed in the group of attendees that another session was needed.

Lastly, the Deans were sent an email outlining the various vacant seats open on the senate now that we have started our new term. We ask that you encourage students to get involved, and if you have any questions, please reach out to the SAPs team at SA-professional-staff@uwm.edu

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