

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 3, 2023
LUB N456
1:00 pm

Present: Professors K. Dolan, M. Kavanaugh, K. Kirshner, R. Leson, L. McHenry, W. Otieno, G. Rodger
Excused: None
Others Present: D. Clark, A. Daire, K. Hartman

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – The meeting was called to order by K. Dolan 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 September 26, 2023 meetings were approved.
- III. SPECIAL GUESTS^a

Provost Andrew Daire and Dave Clark

- A. The Student Success and Retention Initiative received 17 submissions, with 5 being funded for \$411,000. Only one or two submissions proposed addressing activities in the classroom, and many proposals suggested activities that already exist. The total goals of the submitted proposals seek to improve enrollment by 89 students.
- B. There will be an internal search for an Interim Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs. This position would begin in mid-November. The external searches for the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs and the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs will begin in a few weeks. Following these, the search for the Dean for the College of The Arts and Architecture will begin.
- C. The proposed GER revisions will be going to faculty governance this semester. The proposal is being rewritten to address some of the issues that may prevent approval. The most controversial part of the proposal is the definition of the areas of inquiry. Dave Clark will be meeting with the full APCC on October 10, and with the Student Association on Sunday.

Head of School Kevin Hartman, Peck School of the Arts

- A. A request was made to augment the Executive Committee of the Department of Dance with two full professors. The request was approved by the UC.

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

IV. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. K. Dolan met with Chancellor Mone, and discussed the problems associated with administrative decisions affecting academic program delivery being made without receiving input from faculty and instructional academic staff.
- B. The Provost has asked for input from the UC on the Commencement Honors ceremony. The UC feels that the Commencement Honors ceremony should be continued. Eliminating the ceremony seems to be an erosion of a UWM tradition that may negatively impact graduating students' opinions of UWM.

V. MEMBERS' REPORTS - None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Revision to UC Charter

The UC Charter was revised to include a role for consulting with the administration on pay plans. This was a role that used to be held by the Economic Benefits Committee. With the EBC having been dissolved, the UC will take on this responsibility. The revised UC Charter was approved by consensus.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Campus Guest Policy Draft

The committee discussed the latest draft of the Campus Guest Policy, and the committee found the draft acceptable.

- B. Policy on Flexible Service Credit

There was a discussion on P&P 5.13. The revised version was approved by consensus.

VIII. PERSONNEL MATTERS – None

- IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Chancellor Mone will be at the next UC meeting, which is on October 10. Interpretation of the contractual notice period is a future agenda item.

- X. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.