

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 7, 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: A. Daire, D. Clark

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 October 24, 2023 meeting were approved.
- III. SPECIAL GUESTS^a

Provost Andrew Daire

- A. Provost Daire is requesting that deans identify which programs in their colleges should receive additional resources to innovate and grow, which low-enrollment programs to close (and have the resources from those programs redeployed), and which new programs to add. They should provide this information to the provost by January 15. This effort is designed to improve the long-term financial condition of the university.
- B. Two tenure clock extensions were presented and approved by the University Committee.
- C. The provost visited the Waukesha and Washington County campuses last week. Business community leaders were interested to hear how UWM would maintain an academic presence in Washington County. Growth opportunities exist at the Waukesha campus, potentially including offering bachelor and graduate degree programs there. Faculty at both campuses want to be sure that they have a voice in decisions being made on the future of CGS.

Dave Clark

- A. Dave Clark reported that progress is being made with the General Education Reform with respect to creating a plan that may be approved through governance.
- B. A discussion ensued regarding the need for a policy to specify how instructors

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

should conduct on-line courses. There is also a need to prohibit instructors for requiring synchronous exams in asynchronous courses.

- C. There was a discussion on the course evaluation process. There still needs to be a selection of which software system to use. After that, there will be a determination of whether there should be a universal evaluation instrument for the campus.

IV. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. K. Dolan reported that there are concerns regarding the campus guest policy still containing restrictions on minors.

V. MEMBERS' REPORTS

- A. K. Kirshntner reported that representatives are being requested for the Build the Brand workshops.

VI. NEW BUSINESS - None

VII. OLD BUSINESS – None

VIII. PERSONNEL MATTERS

Per Wis. Stats 19.85(1)(f), it was moved and seconded to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters. Upon voice vote, closed session began at 1:34 p.m. The committee reconvened in open session at 1:51 p.m.

- IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – The next UC meeting is on November 14. Discussion on the status of the AAFEC and the contractual notice period for faculty will be held at future meetings.

- X. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.