

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
December 5, 2023
LUB N456
1:00 pm

Present: Professors K. Dolan, K. Kirshner, R. Leson, L. McHenry, W. Otieno, G. Rodger
Excused: M. Kavanaugh
Others Present: A. Daire

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 November 28, 2023 meeting were approved.

III. SPECIAL GUESTS^a

Provost Andrew Daire

A. Provost Daire reported that the re-enrollment rate is trending upwards for classes in the spring semester. However, there is a need for significantly better improvement in re-enrollment over the next few years. Regarding Fall 2024 enrollment, overall admitted students are up by ~5% over this time last year – roughly up 7% for undergraduate admissions while graduate student admissions are down 16%.

IV. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. K. Dolan met with John Boyland, Robin Van Harpen, and Kelly Haag regarding the proposed Guest Policy. An agreement was reached regarding the issue of minors being singled out in the policy.
- B. S. Gronert informed K. Dolan that augmenters for the AMLCC department have been identified.
- C. The Length of Service ceremony will be refreshed, and options may be given for rewards for longer service lengths. The Fall Awards Ceremony, and the awards given at the ceremony, is also being revisited.
- D. The CGSTT work is proceeding, with the co-chairs having met with the co-leads of the four workgroups and reviewed the goals with the co-leads. There are individuals associated with CGS as co-leads on each work group.

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

V. MEMBERS' REPORTS

- A. G. Rodger reported that the APBC met and discussed several items: the future of CGS, the work being done on modifying the budget model, and GER reform. The college and divisional budget meetings were reviewed. Drew Knab presented an overview of budget projections for next year, indicating that further cuts will be needed.
- B. G. Rodger reported that the College of the Arts and Architecture Dean Search & Screen committee met with the search consultants. Due to confusion used with the listening sessions leading to low attendance for faculty, so an additional session is being scheduled.
- C. L. McHenry reported that applications are being received for the Zilber College of Public Health Dean position.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. UC meetings will be cancelled on December 26 and January 2.
- B. Quorum For Divisional Committee Meetings

The UC decided to recommend that the quorum requirement for divisional committee meetings be lowered from 6 to 5.
- C. Discussion on Academic Staff Voting Rights at College Level

There was a discussion of whether the Faculty Senate should continue to be needed to approve the granting of voting rights to the Academic Staff at the college level. Discussion on this will continue in the future.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of Contractual Notice Period for Faculty

The UC approved revising P&P 5.19 to clarify when an additional 1-year terminal appointment will begin if proper termination notice was not given.

VIII. PERSONNEL MATTERS – None

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – The next UC meeting is on December 12. Chancellor Mark Mone will be attending.

X. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.