

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE  
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
December 12, 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, M. Mone

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – The meeting was called to order by K. Dolan at 1:03 p.m. The agenda was approved.

I. PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD - None

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the December 5, 2023 meeting were approved.

III. SPECIAL GUESTS<sup>a</sup>

Chancellor Mark Mone

- A. Chancellor Mone provided an update on the budget deal deliberations.
- B. Tomorrow, Chancellor Mone is presenting to the Washington County Board in part to assure them of UWM’s commitment to higher education in Washington County.
- C. Deloitte will be coming to UWM the first week of February. Campuses that have already gone through the consulting process have found it to have been positive.
- D. The annual meetings of the boards of the Research Foundation and the UWM Foundation were held last week and went well.
- E. Safety planning for Commencement and other large events has been ongoing.
- F. Motor vehicle thefts around UWM are increasing and a work group has been put together to attempt to find solutions to the problem.
- G. Discussions are ongoing regarding the impact of AI on education and UWM. Items to be considered include the infrastructure at UWM needed to support AI, AI’s impact on UWM operations from an efficiency perspective, AI’s impact on curriculum and teaching and learning, and issues regarding AI and research.
- H. The branding workshops were conducted last week, and work is beginning on modifying the Fall Awards ceremony and the length of service awards ceremony.

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

Vice Provost of Student Success Dave Clark

- A. Dave Clark provided an update on GER reform. GER course proliferation is being addressed by giving the APCC more authority to remove GER designation from courses. GER courses should focus on general knowledge, rather than major-specific topics, and GER courses should be portable between majors. GER courses should include external support as appropriate and present specific course outcomes that the students can expect to gain from the course. They should also align with the Universities of Wisconsin learning goals.
- B. The distribution model is the primary remaining roadblock to the proposal going forward. An 18-credit array with category titles that described what the students should gain from those courses is being proposed, but is receiving substantial pushback across campus. The CCAT is currently working to revise this structure so that the proposal can pass through governance.

IV. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. K. Dolan reported that the CGSTT conducted listening sessions last week at Washington County and on the main campus. A listening session will be held this week at Waukesha. All four CGSTT subteams are operational.

V. MEMBERS' REPORTS – None

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 1:14 p.m. The committee reconvened in open session at 1:37 p.m.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – The next UC meeting is on January 9. Chancellor Mark Mone will be attending.

X. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.