

# University Staff Committee

December 12

Via TEAMS

## MINUTES

Present: J. Almquist, G. Dukes, L. Eastman, T. Nation, C. Parks, K. Premeau, R. Sauers

Absent: J. Azinger, A. Dempsey-Fischer

- I. Call to Order-The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am
- II. MINUTES-November 14, 2024-The minutes were approved via autoconsent.
- III. Chair update-
  - The Universities of Wisconsin Board of Regents rejected the latest pay plan proposal as it would compromise the Diversity and Equity mission of the Universities of Wisconsin. More information will be coming after meetings and budgets are discussed. G. Dukes will meet with the Chancellor to see what our next steps will be. The Chancellor may update us at the Senate meeting on December 19 if he has any information to share.
  - Purchasing has been invited to the University Staff Senate. B. Klinger was not as receptive to the invitation as originally hoped. G. Dukes has reached out for further information about his availability. Discussion about purchasing will be in the Spring Senate meetings.
- IV. SAAPs-The SAAPS were approved via Autoconsent.
  - SAAP 6.2-Building Chairperson Policy-There were no objections to the SAAP. It was approved by autoconsent.
  - SAAP 6.9-Facility Access and Use Guest Policy-There is a small typo on page four. L. Eastman will send the change to the Secretary of the University's office. No other objections were noted. The SAAP was approved via autoconsent.
- V. Member reports-
  - K. Premeau updated the committee on the Search and Screen for the College of Arts and Architecture Dean. The committee has met once so far and there have been listening sessions about the needs of the new College. There will be another meeting to discuss the Position Description before Winter Break. The Chair of the committee will be traveling over Winter Break which will slow down some of the process and move the committee work into the Spring. The interviews were originally supposed to happen in March but may be delayed. K. Premeau will know more after the committee meets again.
- VI. New/Other Business-On a related note-the University Staff Senate has been have a little difficulty getting guests to come to discuss issues facing University Staff. Several key members of the Administration have not responded or been available

when asked to come to the Senate to discuss issues. Purchasing, Parking and Transit, The Provost and even Robin Van Harpen have not responded to requests to present at the Senate. This not only affects Morale but is difficult for us to give feedback to Campus administration about topics that are important to University Staff. The USC feels this may be a bigger issue and will discuss it again at a future meeting after G. Dukes has had time to discuss with the Chancellor.

VII. Adjournment -The committee adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

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