

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE  
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
April 2, 2024  
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: B. Schneider

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – The meeting was called to order by K. Dolan at 1:06 p.m. The agenda was approved.

I. PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD – None

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the March 27, 2024 meeting were approved.

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

Ombuds Council Chair Ben Schneider

A. Ben Schneider provided an overview of the Ombuds Council’s activities and informed the UC of its services. The Ombuds Council works with employees and graduate students to resolve conflicts. Their work is confidential and no records of their discussions are kept. They feel that their services are currently underutilized on campus and are encouraging members of the campus to approach them as conflict begins to arise. More information on the Ombuds Council can be found at <https://uwm.edu/ombuds/>.

IV. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Provost Daire had a last-minute conflict and is unable to attend today’s UC meeting.
- B. The UW System Faculty Reps learned that there will be a presentation to the Board of Regents on a proposal for a six-week paid family leave policy.
- C. The Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs search is ongoing.
- D. One of the CGS Faculty Senators has resigned, and a replacement has been found to fill out the term for the remainder of the year.
- E. See Item VIII below.
- F. A faculty senator inquired about the possibility of adding additional members to

---

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

the UC. There is no procedure allowing for such an addition.

V. MEMBERS' REPORTS

- A. G. Rodger reported that the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs search is ongoing. The College of the Arts and Architecture dean search is also ongoing.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Governance Committee Charters

There are potential issues with filling specified representation from each division on several committees next year. These committees can continue to function with one or two faculty positions unfilled. Therefore, the UC decided that the governance committee charters will not be changed at this time.

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 1:42 p.m. The committee reconvened in open session at 2:11 p.m.

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 2:17 p.m. The committee reconvened in open session at 2:21 p.m.

- IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – The next UC meeting is on April 9. Chancellor Mone is scheduled to attend.

- X. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.