# THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES May 14, 2024 LUB N456 1:00 pm

Present: Professors K. Dolan, M. Kavanaugh, K. Kirshtner, R. Leson, L. McHenry, W.

Otieno, G. Rodger

Excused: None

Others Present: M. Mone, K. O'Connor

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

- I. <u>PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD</u> None
- II. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> The minutes of the May 7, 2024 meeting were approved.

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

Chancellor Mark Mone

- A. The encampment has ended, and the UC thanked Chancellor Mone for handling the whole situation well. Chancellor Mone provided a history of the protest events beginning in October 2023.
- B. Planning for the June Board of Regents meeting is ongoing. The theme will be "Transforming the Future Together."
- C. The UWM Foundation Board, Alumni Board, and Research Foundation Board have had meetings this week.
- D. The campus is awaiting the Deloitte report and will then formulate a response. There will be ample communications with the campus so that there are no surprises when the report is made public.

Interim Vice Provost and Interim Dean Kris O'Connor

A. K. O'Connor presented an update on the work of the Research Planning Task Force. Work has been done to develop broad research themes with which most people can identify. These themes have been mostly identified, and work is now being done on how to best package the results.

#### IV. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Six CGS faculty have taken the VSIP offer to retire early. Forty-five CGS Academic and University Staff were given one-year notice, and six University

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

- Staff have been offered transfers to the main campus.
- B. UW-Oshkosh and UW-Parkside, the campuses that have had the largest issues with cutting positions, have both seen large declines in student applications.
- C. The two external candidates for the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs position have dropped out of consideration.

# V. <u>MEMBERS' REPORTS</u>

A. G. Rodger reported that the last CAA Dean finalist is on campus interviewing today.

## VI. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

A. 2024-25 UC Chair Election

K. Kirshtner nominated K. Dolan to be chair. The nomination was seconded. There were no other nominations, so K. Dolan will be the 2024-25 University Committee chair.

- B. CGS Discontinuation Proposal / Summer Meeting Plans
  - J. Urdan will attend next Monday's meeting to answer questions on the CGS discontinuance proposal. A following meeting will be June 7, at which time the comments on the proposal from the campus community can be reviewed.

## 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 1:37 p.m. The committee reconvened in open session at 1:57 p.m.

- IX. <u>FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS</u> The next UC meeting is on May 20 at 2:30 PM.
- X. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u> The meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.