

University Staff Senate

October 15, 2024

Via Microsoft Teams

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Present: J. Almquist, E. Cochrane, A. Dempsey-Fischer, P. Dixon, C. Fitzpatrick, G. Dukes, L. Eastman, S. Fuller Muniz, G. Henion, K. Morgan, T. Nation, C. Parks, C. Peterson, K. Premeau, E. Rakowski, M. Renk, R. Sauers, K. Valerius, M. Vallejo, R. Wahl, C. Warneke, L. Wiczorek, S. Wirka

Absent: P. Geraci, L. Schiebel

Guests: M. Mone, A. Daire, R. Van Harpen, M. Fessahaye

- I. Call to Order-The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.
- II. Approval of minutes for September 17, 2024-The minutes were approved as submitted via autoconsent.
- III. Chancellor Update-The Chancellor was on hand to update the Senate.
 - Campus is working on policies that enable staff and students to be able to have their freedom to engage in their personal freedoms yet not infringe on others. Respect for others is important as we move forward both with this Election cycle and during these turbulent times.
 - Security will be increasing on and off campus with international security becoming a focus as issues continue to be highlighted. Campus is working to ensure everyone is safe and handles both themselves and data safely and securely.
 - The Search and Screen for a new chancellor has yet to be announced by the System. An announcement is expected soon which will give information on the make up of the committee and a timeline.
 - After a new chancellor is named our current chancellor will take a sabbatical before returning to teaching.
 - Campus is reviewing AI collaborations and how best to move forward with data science programs. There is a new working group looking at strategies and opportunities for areas of growth as well as ethics involved with AI.
 - Campus is working on budget planning. If anyone would wish to advocate for UWM to their legislators remember to do it on your own personal time. There are guidelines on UWM's website to make this easier for you.
- IV. Chair Update-Chair Dukes updated the Senate on several topics.
 - There was a good presentation on Governance recently that can be downloaded at the Secretary of the University's website.
 - There was a presentation on staff burnout and the signs to look for if co-workers are suffering. Chair Dukes will send to the Senate.
 - Commencement is approaching and if anyone would like to volunteer contact secofunv@uwm.edu

- Open Enrollment ends October 25, 2024
- V. Provost Daire-Provost Daire updated the Senate
- Search and Screens are going well. The College of the Arts and Architecture are wrapping up with an offer anticipated by December. Vice Chancellor for Research is underway. Dean of the Graduate School will kick off soon and is anticipating finishing in the early part of the Spring semester.
 - Budget building is underway as well. Budget meetings will be in October and early November with Deans and Divisions to give an overall budget picture and get feedback as the Budget Office builds the budget for the next biennium.
- VI. Vice Chancellor Robin Van Harpen updated the Senate
- Budget Planning is underway with the meeting of the Board of Regents recently asking that UWM look strongly at a more robust request for Budget planning in their next biennium. The Board of Regents are looking at Capital projects and updating areas of campus. The Budget office will work on several budget scenarios to make sure planning can be thorough.
 - The UWM Police Chief search and screen is expected to begin in the Spring semester.
- VII. SAAP 6-10 Physical Advertising on Campus-The SAAP was approved as submitted with no comments or concerns via autoconsent.
- VIII. Committee/Member Reports-11:05 a.m.
- CAA Dean Search and Screen-K. Premeau-The committee has concluded its work and made recommendations that were forwarded to the Provost's office.
 - VP for Research Search and Screen-K. Valerius-The committee has received its charge and would like to see candidates by January 2025.
 - US Nominations-K. Morgan-Nominated members to search and screen committees. Nominees are taken from Election Preference Forms which go out in Spring. If anyone forgot to sign up please contact L. Eastman in the Secretary of the University's office. New preference forms will go out Spring 2025.
 - APBC-G. Henion-Budget meeting with Deans and Division Heads will start at the end of October and go through into the beginning of November. APBC members will be present in these meetings to keep them transparent and to make sure information is being shared effectively.
- IX. New/Other Business-There was no new or other business.
- X. Adjournment-The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

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