

University Staff Senate

February 18, 2025

Via Microsoft Teams

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

Absent: C. Fitzpatrick, S. Fuller-Muniz, L. Schiebel, R. Wahl, C. Warneke

Guest: M. Mone

- I. Call to Order-The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.
- II. Approval of minutes for December 17, 2024-The minutes were approved as submitted via autoconsent
- III. Chancellor Update-The Chancellor was on hand to update the Senate.
 - Funding is still being discussed as the new Federal Administration makes changes. UWM is watching the changes and will adjust as more is known. The Chancellor wrote a piece for the newspaper recently to discuss the impact these changes could have on UWM and other higher education institutions.
 - 2030 committee continues to meet and revise the vision for 2030 incorporating updates to shape UWM's future.
 - UWM once again achieved R1 status.
- IV. Chair Update-G. Dukes updated the Senate on the following:
 - The Chancellor's Search and Screen is reviewing candidates and meeting with some off campus to finalize their preferred candidates to bring to campus. They will send their selection to the Regents at Madison who select the finalists.
 - The Graduate School Dean Search and Screen concluded their work. They recognized T. Nation and the University Staff for their work on this important committee.
 - On a sad note, former Senator Roy Badger lost his partner of 48 years. Chair Dukes will send out the information about the funeral to all University Staff. If you want information on where to mail a card, please contact G. Dukes.
- V. March US Senate date-move to March 25, 2025-L. Eastman-The Senate moved to approve the change in date unanimously. The Senate also moved unanimously to always make sure to not meet over Spring Recess in the Future. L. Eastman will make sure the date is adjusted for the future.
- VI. Committee/Member Reports-10:35 a.m.
 - University Staff Grievance Committee-A. Dempsey-Fischer-The meeting was re-

scheduled. A. Dempsey-Fischer will update the Senate next time.

- University Staff Nominations Committee-K. Morgan-The committee met to submit names to the CIO-S. Genung for newly forming committees that will discuss various IT needs, such as AI and its uses on campus, IT Governance, and more. L. Eastman submitted names on behalf of the committee.
- Elections-L. Eastman-Preference forms close on February 28. Ballots go out on March 10.
- Academic Planning and Budget Committee (APBC)-L. Wiecek (who was able to replace G. Henion as the US Representative on the APBC) reported that the administration is monitoring the information that is coming in from the new Federal Administration to see what, if any, changes need to be made. The Budget team is building the budget will go to the Regents and System to be decided before moving on to the legislature.
- Police Chief Search and Screen-C. Peterson was chosen as the US representative to this committee. They will be meeting soon to discuss the process and work on the position description.

VII. New/Other Business-There was no new or other business.

VIII. Adjournment-The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

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