

University Staff Senate

March 25, 2025

Via TEAMS

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Present: J. Almquist, E. Cochrane, A. Dempsey Fischer, P. Dixon, L. Eastman, C. Fitzpatrick, S. Fuller, P. Geraci, G. Henion, K. Morgan, T. Nation, C. Parks, C. Peterson, K. Premeau, M. Renk, K. Valerius, M. Vallejo, C. Warneke

Absent: G. Dukes, R. Sauers, L. Schiebel, R. Wahl, L. Wiczorek, S. Wirka

Guests: M. Mone, D. Clark, L. Bokowy, M. Steinhofner

- I. Call to Order-The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.
- II. Approval of minutes for February 18, 2025-The minutes were approved as submitted via autoconsent.
- III. Chancellor Update-Chancellor Mone was on hand to update the Senate.
 - The Chancellor Search and Screen for a new Chancellor has gone well so far. Be sure to attend the events and give feedback. The announcement for a new chancellor will go out at the beginning of April.
 - UWM is facing quite a few challenges:
 - Salary/Hiring freeze
 - Travel freeze
 - Enrollments are doing well overall but graduate enrollments are still down. Campus is working on a plan to increase those.
 - National funding cuts are coming. Campus is working on several plans to offset these cuts as best they can.
 - When asked about potential furloughs or early retirement options the Chancellor said at this time nothing is planned. Campus will keep everyone informed as more information becomes available.
- IV. Chair Update-Chair Dukes was out this am so A. Dempsey Fischer chaired the meeting. Acting Chair Fischer reminded all to attend the Chancellor Search and Screen meetings and give feedback. Feedback is only available until 11:59 the day of the presentations.
- V. SAAPs for discussion-D. Clark presented the SAAPs for feedback to the Senate. The Senate was able to find out more about these SAAPs. D. Clark will work on any revisions and they will come back to the Senate in the future for approval.
 - SAAP 1-14 Teaching Evaluation
 - SAAP 1-?? Program Array Review
- VI. Mental Health of Students at UWM-L. Bokowy of the UWM Health Center presented to the Senate information about the options and offerings that UWM has for students. There are training options available online for those that are interested in better helping our students. Students can be referred to the Student Health Center for issues.

- VII. UWM Commencement Volunteer Opportunity-M. Steinhofner came to speak to the Senate about the options for University Staff to volunteer at Commencement. Anyone wishing to help out with Commencement can contact her directly.
- VIII. SAAP for Approval via AUTOCONSENT-The SAAP was approved via autoconsent with no concerns.
- SAAP 6-6-Inclusive Restroom Facilities Policy
- IX. Committee/Member Reports-
- University Staff Grievance Committee-A. Dempsey-Fischer-The committee has not yet met to discuss the procedures that they want to put in place. They will do so soon.
 - Elections update-L. Eastman updated the Senate on the Elections. The ballot closes April 11.
 - Search and Screen for Police Chief-C. Peterson-The committee has picked their candidates. The finalists will be on campus the first and second week in April. Be sure to attend the sessions and give feedback for this important position.
- X. New/Other Business-There was no new or other business.
- XI. Adjournment-The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

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