

University Staff Senate

April 15, 2025

Via Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

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

Absent: C. Fitzpatrick, L. Schiebel, R. Wahl

Guests: A. Braun, D. McGee

- I. Call to Order-The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.
- II. Approval of minutes for March 25, 2025-The minutes were approved as submitted via autoconsent.
- III. Chancellor Update-The Chancellor was unable to attend.
- IV. Chair Update-G. Dukes updated the Senate. The New Chancellor Dr. T. Gibson will be starting in July. L. Eastman will schedule him to come to Senate meetings as soon as possible. Commencement is coming up May 18, 2025. Please consider volunteering at this commencement or a future commencement to celebrate our students and their accomplishments.
- V. SAAP for Approval via AUTOCONSENT-The Senate considered the following SAAPs. There were no issues. The SAAPs were approved as submitted via autoconsent.
 - 6-8 Expressive Activity on Campus
 - 14-10 UWM Disclosure of Other Support
 - 14-11 Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Program Policy
- VI. UWM Athletics-A. Braun, director of Athletics came to discuss Athletics and gave an overview of the program on campus. The Senate discussed the possibility of an outing to a Panther event for the Senate in the upcoming year. If a department would like to reserve a block of tickets at an event contact they should contact Athletics.
- VII. UWM Purchasing-D. McGee presented an overview of Purchasing at UWM. She addressed some of the concerns that were brought up previously at the Senate meetings. Her presentation will be sent to the Senate for future reference.
- VIII. Committee/Member Reports-
 - Elections update-L. Eastman-Elections have concluded. Information will be tallied and sent to University Staff soon as well as posted to the University

Staff website. Appointment letters go out by June 1 with new Senate members being invited to come to the in-person meeting in June. July 1 is the start date for all appointments for University Staff Senate and committees.

- Senator R. Sauers will be leaving UWM after her position was eliminated from campus. The Senate thanked Rose for all her hard work and dedication. The Senate wishes Rose all the best in her new position she will be missed.
- Craftworks wages including a raise has been approved by the State. It will go into effect soon. This has been over a year of negotiations.
- Budget cuts are anticipated soon and are still with the Legislature. Departments are being asked to review their current budgets and see where the anticipated cuts may be worked into their budgets for the next cycle.

IX. New/Other Business-The Senate discussed some sort of recognition for Chancellor Mone as he prepares to step down in his current role.

X. Adjournment-The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

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