

University Staff Senate

June 17, 2025

LUBAR S250-IN PERSON and on Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

Present: J. Almquist, N. Brautigam, A. Dempsey Fischer, P. Dixon, G. Dukes, L. Eastman, S. Fuller Muniz, P. Geraci, G. Henion, J. Lessila, K. Morgan, T. Nation, C. Parks, C. Peterson, K. Premeau, M. Renk, L. Ross, K. Valerius, M. Vallejo, C. Warneke, L. Wiczorek, S. Wirka

Absent: E. Cochrane, C. Fitzpatrick, R. Wahl

Guests: M. Mone (Chancellor), J. Brown, K Hennemann

- I. Call to Order-The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.
- II. Approval of minutes for May 20, 2025-The minutes were approved as submitted via autoconsent.
- III. Chancellor Update-Chancellor Mone was able to visit the Senate for one last time before he transitions back to teaching. He updated the Senate on the following:
 - The Board of Regents meeting in June went well at UWM.
 - The New Chancellor, Thomas Gibson, will be taking over on July 14, 2025. Chancellor Mone and he have been working together to ensure a smooth transition.
 - The State Budget has yet to be finalized. UWM will continue with anticipated funding from last year until more information is known.
 - Federal Cuts are still unknown as well. Cuts to research and student financial aid are being watched by campus.
 - Incoming enrollments are looking quite strong as UWM prepares for the Fall. International enrollments are still struggling with challenges facing students.
- IV. Chair Update-There will be a public recognition ceremony for Chancellor Mone on June 30, 2025.
- V. Interim Hazing Policy-The Senate had no objections to the interim policy. Senator K. Premeau had some editorial edits that she will forward to the appropriate parties for addition to the Policy.
- VI. Meet n Greet-Introductions of Senators-Members introduced themselves.
- VII. Review of the Priority Referral Program from Human Resources-K. Hennemann discussed the Priority Referral Program with the Senate and J. Brown answered questions. Extending email accessibility was suggested as a possible option for those needing to look for positions. L. Eastman will contact CIO Genung to come to Senate to discuss options.
- VIII. Digital Accessibility Workgroup-A. Dempsey Fischer was unable to be at the meeting when this item was discussed. It will be on the agenda at a future meeting.
- IX. Committee/Member Reports-There were no member updates.
- X. New/Other Business-There was no new or other business.
- XI. Adjournment-The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

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