

University Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 31, 2021, MS-TEAMS

Present: Devin Bickner, Aaron Weinschenk, Mark Klemp, Jon Shelton, Heidi Sherman, Joan Groessl, Julie Wondergem (chair)

Guests: Steve Meyer (SOFAS), Sherri Arendt, Kate Burns, Sue Machuca

Meeting brought to order at 3:03 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the 3/10/21 (J. Grossl) meeting were approved.

2. Spring semester Update (K. Burns): The mask mandate is still in place for campus. This is in response to the recent Wisconsin Supreme Court ruling.

Wellness check update. The Chancellor sent out a message to the University community regarding wellness. This was in response to 6 suicides across the UW System last week.

Compensation update. \$75K was set aside with \$50K for instructional and \$25K for non-instructional.

3. Discussion on granting Full Professor status to administrators (K. Burns and M.

Draney): M. Draney shared a summary of the thoughts going through the recent process of granting Full Professor status in NAS. He proposed the UC think about coming up with a policy. Questions of are we just to confirm what other academic institutions gave out were raised. The issue of administrators not having followed a parallel career path compared to academic candidates going up for promotion were discussed. K. Burns suggested we think of administrative hires as a confirmation process for granting Full Professor as these positions likely have Full Professor status as part of the employment contract. The discussion was left unresolved as it was unclear what conflict employment contracts might have when they go up against shared governance processes.

4. Provost Search Committee Discussion: The UC discussed names for the search committee to be forwarded to the Chancellor.

5. Set Faculty Senate Agenda (S. Meyer): The UC set the April 7 Senate agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mark Klemp



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