

University Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Present: Jim Loebl (Chair), Mark Klemp, Jon Shelton, Heidi Sherman, Chris Smith, Gail Trimberger, Julie

Wondergem

Guests: Provost Alexander, Sherri Arendt, Steve Meyer, Kim Mezger, Abbie Wagaman

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the September 4, 2019 meeting were approved.

2. Discussion of the faculty representation on the Chancellor Search and Screen Committee with Provost Alexander

The Provost joined the UC to discuss the selection of the faculty members for the Chancellor Search and Screen Committee. He reported that he did talk to the Cabinet prior to the committee being announced. He said that no one in the Cabinet seemed concerned, that the UC would select the list of potential faculty representatives. After the committee was announced, the Provost reported that he and the Interim Chancellor reached out to President Cross. They expressed the Faculty's dissatisfaction that Cross decided to choose someone who was not on the UC's list. The Provost specifically requested that no one direct his or her anger at the Faculty member. The UC agrees. He also understands the UC's desire to stand up to further erosion of faculty governance.

3. Response to the selection of faculty to serve on the Chancellor Search and Screen Committee

The way the committee was selected has raised concern on our campus. There are only 2 faculty representatives with voting rights on the committee along with 5 Regents. The UC put forth a list of highly qualified individuals. The decision to choose a person not on the list seems unnecessary.

The Faculty Union plans to write a resolution and press release to express their concern for our university. The faculty want to see this university successful. However, it requires a voice to make sure that is possible.



4. Discussion of logistics to obtain faculty input into the Academic Plan/Strategic Priorities document to carry out the new University Select Mission

The Academic Plan/Strategic Priorities document needs to be reviewed by the faculty. We plan to invite existing committees to review certain parts of the document.

5. Liaison reports

Jon, CWC – no report

Abbie, SGA –

The students are developing a student bill of rights, reviewing childcare collaborations, reviewing vendors for composting and are interested in having a faculty liaison.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Wondergem

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