University Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 10, 2020

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

Guests: Michael Alexander, Kate Burns, Holly Keener, Kim Mezger, Lynn Niemi, Steve Meyer, Alison Staudinger, Sheri Arendt, Devin Bichner

Meeting brought to order at 3:01 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes:
Minutes from the 5/13/2020 meeting were approved.

2. Selection of member for the Individualized Learning Committee: The UC voted to select Georjeanna Wilson-Doenges. Passed with a vote of 6-0-1.

3. Consideration of UC response to search for UW System President: J. Shelton updated the committee on the status of the President search. There are many different statements being made that Jon shared with the committee. Not having more candidates was viewed as being very problematic. J. Loebl will put together a statement and send to the UC later this day for input. The deadline for comments to the BoR is tomorrow.

4. Update on current situation and progress of the University’s Scenario Planning Task Force and planning for Fall 2020: M. Alexander talked about the status of the campuses plan to open. The campus will open slowly in July and August making sure safety measures are in place. Right now the plan is to open campus for students soon, but they are moving intentionally slow due to the quickly changing realities associated with COVID-19. K. Burns spoke to some tiers of courses planning to go online, and that planning is underway to accommodate face-to-face safety issues. Concerns of wearing masks and enforcement of mask rules were brought up by the committee.

5. Discussion of effect of the pandemic on tenure applications and annual, merit and post-tenure reviews: G. Trimberger is on a working group and shared that the group is discussing delaying the tenure clock and potentially will be delayed another year. This will be discussed further at the next UC meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by Mark Klemp