University Committee
Minutes

Date: 4/11/2021, 3-5 pm

Location: Via Microsoft Teams

Present: Bickner, Groessl, Klemp, Shelton (note-taker), Sherman, Weinschenk, Wondergem (chair)

Guests: Kate Burns, Sherri Arendt, Susan Machuca, Holly Keener, Steve Meyer, Caroline Boswell, Jessica Van Slooten, Heidi Fencl, Kris Vespia, JP Leary, Mary Gichobi, Dean VonDras, Gaurav Bansal, Berel Lutsky, Patricia Terry, Chris Vandenhouten, Cristina Ortiz, Michael Draney

1. Minutes from the 3/31/21 meeting approved by acclamation

2. Spring semester update with Provost Burns:
   - Surge testing at Weidner will continue through May 28
   - Notice of compensation increases will be sent to individuals this Friday
   - Update on DE+--sounds like they are putting things on pause for Chancellor/Provost meeting
   - CARES Act funding--still figuring out how to use funding

3. Consideration of Pat Hicks, for Faculty Status, Motion by Shelton, Second by Sherman.
   UC voted unanimously to recommend Hicks for faculty status

4. Discussion on the evaluation of teaching with guests Caroline Boswell and Jessica Van Slooten. Boswell and Van Slooten explained the draft report put together by the Evaluation Teaching Effectiveness Working Group. The conversation was overwhelmingly positive, though concerns over workload were raised. The UC will follow up with the ETE Working Group by setting up a meeting with UC members, ETE members, and SOFAS to figure out how to move forward institutionally.

5. Discussion with the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion’s Professional Development Working Group with K. Vespia, JP Leary, Heidi Fencl, and M. Gichobi. Presentation of the plan and discussion with the work group. The EDI group will consider comments from the UC and revise proposal.

6. Discussion on granting tenure and Full Professor status to Administrators with the Committee of Six (D. VonDras, G. Bansal, B. Lutsky, P. Terry, C. Vandenhouten, C. Ortiz and M. Draney, 4:30).

   The full C6 came to discuss the recent process of recommending those hired as outside administrators and how C6 should recommend promotion to full professor.