

University Committee MINUTES

4/15/20 UC Meeting

Location: Via Blackboard Collaborate Ultra

Present: Mark Klemp, Jim Loebel (Chair), Jon Shelton (minute-taker), Heidi Sherman, Christine Smith, Gail Trimberger, Julie Wondergem

Guests: Pat Hicks, Holly Keener, Kim Mezger, Steve Meyer, Lynn Niemi

1. Minutes from the 4/1/20 meeting approved by acclamation.
2. Consideration of proposed Center for Gaming and Interactive Media. Motion by Klemp, second by Smith for approval. Unanimous support for the concept of the center. Shelton noted he would vote against this, not because he opposes the center itself, but because he believes we need to have a bigger conversation about centers, how they are resourced, who gets reassignments, and how decisions for reassignments are made by administration. He argued that this is a workload issue that speaks to what faculty are asked to do without resources. Motion passed 6-1-0 (Shelton voted against).
3. Nomination of Julie Wondergem for UC Chair for 2020-21 by Shelton, second by Loebel. Motion passed unanimously.
Faculty Rep nomination for 2020-2021 (Shelton nominated by Trimberger, seconded by Klemp). Motion passed unanimously.
4. Update on current situation and discussion of preparation for Fall 2020 from Provost M. Alexander
5. Liaison reports (from Faculty Reps, USC, and ASC): Faculty Reps: there will be a meeting on Friday of System reps to discuss System layoff and furlough policies (BOR meeting scheduled for tomorrow to approve these UW System proposals).

ASC working on evaluation policies for next year. USC has cancelled fall conference and is also working on a performance review document.
6. Other: Conversation about being creative with the Fall 2020 academic calendar in order to prepare for ramifications of the coronavirus.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jon Shelton

APPROVED 4/22/20