

MINUTES

University Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 3, 2016, 3:00 PM
CL 735 Conference Room
approved

Present: Andrew Austin, John Lyon (Chair), Christine Style, Patricia Terry, Christine Vandenhouten, David Voelker, Josh Goldman (Academic Staff), Jan Snyder (University Staff)

Guests: Chancellor Gary Miller, Provost Greg Davis, & SOFAS Steven Meyer

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM

- 1) The minutes for the 20 Jan. 2016 meeting were approved.
- 2) Chancellor Miller consulted with the UC regarding the next step for UPIC and its possible role in the creation of an updated strategic plan for the university before the end of the Spring semester. He updated the UC briefly on the budgeting process that was underway, explaining that he had appointed a working group to try to better understand current allocations, etc. He also updated the UC on the efforts to increase enrollment.
- 3) Following the departure of the Chancellor and the SOFAS from the meeting, the Provost updated the UC regarding several ongoing matters. The “star” base salary adjustments should be announced to faculty recipients sometime in the next two weeks, in time for the March payroll. The science dean position has been posted, and the search committee should be assembled (using faculty names submitted by the UC) in the next week or so. Filling the Business dean position will now require a national search, as the candidate previously chosen for a targeted hire was no longer available. The Provost will soon be discussing the hiring of a new dean for the College of Professional Studies (which will be renamed under the 4-College restructuring). He will also be consulting with the UC regarding the position description for a new dean of enrollment services, to replace interim dean Tim Sewall. He briefly discussed the associate dean positions under the restructuring, noting that the deans would write position descriptions for their associate dean searches.
- 4) Patricia Terry nominated David Voelker for the UC Chair for 2016-17. Andrew Austin seconded the nomination. After a brief discussion, during which Christine Vandenhouten indicated that she was interested in continuing as the faculty representative to UW System, Voelker accepted the nomination. He was elected unanimously to the position.
- 5) Reflecting on the senate meeting the previous week, the committee next discussed the proposal for an annual review. Following some discussion, Lyon concluded that he would add some language to clarify that the policy

- applied to tenured faculty, that the executive committee of each unit would decide how to implement the reviews, and (perhaps) that either the faculty member under review or the executive committee could request a preliminary review from one or more of the faculty member's other disciplinary or interdisciplinary programs. Lyons also noted that he would incorporate some additional language from p. 94 of the Faculty Handbook to make this policy consistent with the Provost's stated policy.
- 6) The final, brief discussion of the meeting focused on the pending UW System policy regarding post-tenure review.
 - 7) Vandenhouten noted that she had some additional information she could share at the next UC meeting from the faculty representative meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by David Voelker
Approved 2016-02-10.