

University Faculty Council Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2015

I. The meeting was called to order at 3:33 by Chair, Anand Rao.

Members Present: Marie Scheckels (COE), John Broome (COE), Janine Davis (COE), Deb O'Dell (CAS), Kurt Glaeser (CAS), Chuck Whipkey (CAS), Margaret Ray (CAS), David Ambuel (CAS), Paul Fallon (CAS), Marie Wellington (CAS) Gregg Stull (at-large), Anand Rao (at-large); Kristin Marsh (at-large), Woody Richardson (COB), , Dave Henderson (COB), Ken Machande (COB)

Members, ex-officio: Rick Hurley (President), John Morello (Provost), Lynne Richardson (CoB), Richard Finkelstein (CAS), Nicole Crowder (CAS)

Members Absent: Rosalyn Cooperman (CAS, proxy to Margaret Ray), David Rettinger (CAS). Alex Obolensky (SGA Representative – ex officio)

Others in attendance: Debra Schleef (CAS), Eric Bonds (CAS)

II. Reports were received from the President, Provost, Dean of Education, and UFC Chair.

Action items from University Committees were discussed. Margaret Ray moved to accept the action items as presented, seconded by Chuck Whipkey. Motion unanimously passed.

III. New Business. The University Faculty Affairs committee submitted a proposal to change section 2.6.3 of the Faculty Handbook, which pertains to the construction of the University Faculty Affairs Committee. After discussion, Kristen Marsh called the question for a vote, Ken Machande seconded the call. The proposal passed unanimously.

The design of a straw poll to help identify the faculty's desire to move to alternative course models was discussed. The UFC agreed to form a sub-committee of its members to develop a simpler poll than initially suggested based on our discussion which will then be brought forward to the UFC at a future time.

Eric Bonds was recognized to give an informational presentation and engage in the UFC discussion about the UMW Foundation divesting their holding securities of fossil fuel companies. Dr. Bonds suggested that he would be bringing a proposal back to UFC requesting support for the divestment resolution.

The University Academic Affairs Committee made three proposals. The first was to more clearly define those eligible for *Posthumous* and *In Memoriam* degrees. Anand Rao asked for discussion of the proposal. When none ensued, he called for a vote, which passed unanimously.

The second proposal was to limit the number of courses to two that a non-degree seeking graduate students could take at UMW. Again, Anand Rao asked for discussion of the proposal. When none ensued, he called for a vote, which passed unanimously.

The third proposal was to provide specific language about the courses in which a non-degree seeking students may enroll. After a short discussion of the proposal, Anand Rao called for a vote, which passed unanimously.

CAS Faculty Senate proposed that the UFC should take responsibility for administering the annual faculty morale survey and provide a summary of the results to all faculty. After discussion, The Chair of UFC will send this matter to the University Faculty Affairs Committee for their review and recommendation.

CAS proposed that the UFC receive the report of an ad-hoc committee established by CAS Faculty Senate to pilot the electronic submission of P&T documents. After discussion, the Chair's suggestion that the committee present, as a guest report, its final report to the UFC was agreed upon by the UFC. No vote was taken on this proposal.

CAS Faculty Senate proposed that the UFC will draft language for the Faculty Handbook that specifies the BLS committee will report directly to the UFC. After discussion, the Chair will ask the University Faculty Organization Committee to consider the issue and draft appropriate language for the recommendation, if appropriate.

IV. The meeting adjourned at 5:38 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the UFC is on Wednesday, October 21, 2015, at 3:30pm, in the ITCC's Digital Auditorium.