

# University Faculty Council Special Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2017

Woodard 202

1:00-1:30 PM

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Ken Machande at 1:04PM
  - a. UFC Members in Attendance: Abby Brethauer (CAS-HPS), John Broome (COE), Courtney Clayton (COE), Steve Greenlaw (CAS-SS), Ken Machande (COB Interim Dean; UFC Chair), Jason Matzke (CAS-AH), Sarah Morealli (CAS-HPS; UFC Secretary), Angela Pitts (CAS-AH), Warren Rochelle (CAS-AH), Marcel Rotter (at Large), Victoria Russell (COE)
  - b. UFC Members Absent: Eric Bonds (At-Large), Jackie Gallagher (CAS-SS), Dave Henderson (COB), Nina Mikhalevsky (Provost; Ex Officio), Deb O'Dell (CAS-HPS), Troy Paino (UMW President; Ex Officio), Anand Rao (At Large), Woody Richardson (COB), David Stahlman (CAS-SS; UFC Vice Chair), SGA Representative (Ex Officio)
- II. Meeting Business
  - a. Resignation of UFC Chair: Ken Machande has been appointed to Interim Dean of the College of Business and therefore has resigned as UFC chair.
  - b. Election of New UFC Officers:
    - i. Related Discussions: The Faculty Handbook states in section 2.3.5.1. that "The Chair of the UFC should be a tenured member of the instructional faculty. [http://publications.umw.edu/facultyhandbook/section\\_2/ufc/](http://publications.umw.edu/facultyhandbook/section_2/ufc/). Courtney Clayton stated that the language was added to the Handbook to protect untenured faculty who may feel vulnerable while serving as UFC Chair. Abby Brethauer mentioned that faculty in her discipline cannot be awarded tenure (the highest rank they can achieve is Senior Lecturer), but still may be interested in serving as UFC chair in the future; therefore, requiring the UFC Chair to be a tenured- faculty member could prevent interested junior faculty from serving.
      1. The UFC will consider amending the Handbook's language to state that the UFC Chair and Vice Chair **must** be tenured members of the instructional faculty but allow untenured/junior faculty to serve in these positions on a case-by-case basis.
      2. The UFC will need to discuss adding language to the Handbook defining a clear line of leadership succession
    - ii. Chair: The UFC elected Marcel Rotter as chair for the 2017-2018 academic year.
    - iii. Vice Chair: The current Vice Chair, David Stahlman, is not currently tenured. The election of a new Vice Chair is postponed until the next UFC meeting (September 27<sup>th</sup>).
    - iv. Parliamentarian: Marcel Rotter has stepped down as Parliamentarian to serve as UFC Chair. The election of a new Parliamentarian is postponed until the next UFC meeting (September 27<sup>th</sup>).
  - c. Statement of Support to Charlottesville and University of Virginia (UVA): In response to the violence that occurred in Charlottesville, Virginia (August 12, 2017) during an "alt-

right” protest, UVA faculty have posted a statement condemning the “alt-right” ideals. Angela Pitts proposed that the UFC write “a statement expressing our support of UVA and condemning extremist ‘alt-right’ groups.” Angela presented a draft of such a statement.

i. The UFC unanimously voted to approve this statement and to forward the document to the Staff Advisory Council for their input, President Paino, the Executive Committee of UVA’s faculty, and UMW Public Relations (for approval to release the statement to the press).

d. Resignation: Ken Machande resigned from the UFC.

III. Meeting Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:26pm