



University Staff Council – MEETING AGENDA

July 15, 2021 | 11:00am – 12:00pm

WebEx Meeting

UWSA University Staff Council Mission Statement:

The University of Wisconsin System Administration (UWSA) University Staff Council (Council) endeavors to promote communication among all UWSA University Staff and to be an active participant in the governance of and in the policy development for UWSA. The Council will also promote professional development opportunities for University Staff.

Council Members Present: Lauren Bridges, Gareth Green, Jeremy Johanski, Rose Stephenson, Diane Waters

Ex Officio Members: not present

1. Approve minutes from previous meeting ([April 22, 2021](#))

Gareth motions to approve meeting minutes and Jeremy seconds. April 22 minutes are approved by the quorum.

2. 2021 University Staff Council Election Certification

Gareth proposes to include in bylaws the process for ranked choice voting. There is no decision made regarding this suggestion.

Vivek Deshpande, Katie Ptasek, and Diane Waters are the top vote-getters in the most recent University Staff Governance election, with Jennifer White being the next most vote-getter based on the Qualtrics results. Gareth as the outgoing Chair will reach out to these employees to confirm participation and acceptance of the Governance position. Jeremy will handle follow-up as the Chair-elect.

At the next meeting, new officer positions will be voted on by the new members of the UWSA University Staff Governance body.

Gareth motions that the results of the election are accepted, Rose seconds that motion. All present members are in favor of accepting the results of the election and so it is accepted.

3. UW System President Search and Screen Committee

Jeremy sent to Regent President Ed Manydeeds July 12, 2021 about the lack of Academic and University Staff inclusion in the Presidential Search Committee. A response was received acknowledging the concern and receipt of the letter but making no moves for inclusion of Governance in the recruitment and vetting of the next President of the UW System.

The request is for a more positive and collaborative relationship between governance and the Board of Regents, considering that Governance was created by the Board in lieu of collective bargaining rights for employees of the state and university system. There is a belief that Regents should be held to the standard of the supporting the shared governance body that they created in statute.

What are the next steps? Potentially reach out to past advocates for support in advocating for the inclusion of governance in the presidential search committee; wait for responses by Sal Carranza the Academic Staff Governance Chair.

4. Other Business

22 total nominations were accepted for review for the newly commissioned University Staff Awards. There were no UWSA University Staff nominations, likely due to the tight timelines for this first year of eligibility.

Gareth motions to end the meeting and Rose seconds that motion. All members in attendance approve and the meeting ends.