

University Council

MINUTES

JULY 11, 2017

3 – 3:40 PM

LEIGH HALL 214

MEETING CALLED BY	Ruth Nine-Duff, vice chair	
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Meeting	
PRESIDER	Ruth Nine-Duff, vice chair	
NOTE TAKER	Kim Haverkamp	
ATTENDEES	<p>Members: Linda Barrett, Michelle Byrne, Julie Cajigas, Jeanette Carson, Jared Coleman, Tonia Ferrell, Kristen Giaquinto, Diane Gorse, Katherine Holcomb, Nancy Homa, Kristine Kraft, Lynn Lucas, Chand Midha, Mike Nelson, Ruth Nine-Duff, Rex Ramsier, Matt Wilson</p> <p>Absent with notice: Phillip Allen, Taylor Bennington, Elizabeth Erickson, Marjorie Hartleben, Néna Roy, Linda Saliga, Shiva Sastry, Harvey Sterns, Trent Weigand</p> <p>Other attendees: Roland Bauer, Celeste Cook, Aimee deChambeau, Wayne Hill, Marca Selway-Kaplar, Jolene Lane, John MacDonald, John Messina, Zach Michael, Bill Viau, Barbara Weinzierl</p>	
Agenda topics:		
3:00 – 3:03	CALL TO ORDER	RUTH NINE-DUFF
DISCUSSION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The vice chair called the meeting to order. She asked for additions to the agenda. There being none, the agenda was approved as distributed by unanimous consent. The vice chair asked for additions or corrections to the June 13 University Council minutes. There being none, the agenda was approved as distributed by unanimous consent. 	
3:03 – 3:06	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT	RUTH NINE-DUFF
DISCUSSION	<p>The chair reviewed the attached June 20 UC Executive Committee minutes.</p> <p>The UCEC will form an ad-hoc committee in August/September to review UC Bylaws. Areas for possible revision include the quorum definition and the timing of constituent group appointments.</p> <p>The secretary will submit a University Council Update to the Digest after each meeting to inform the campus community of UC business.</p>	
3:06 – 3:15	ACTION ITEMS	RUTH NINE-DUFF
DISCUSSION	There were none at this time.	
3:15 – 3:27	PRESIDENT'S REMARKS	MATT WILSON

DISCUSSION	<p>The following items were discussed:</p> <p>Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We received approval from the BOT to operate at a \$29m deficit for FY18. This is lower than the forecast by EY. We need to continue to find creative ways to save money and close the gap. • UA did not receive a SSI increase from the State. • The State capped tuition and fees for in-state students. <p>Enrollment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freshman enrollment is up 350-400 students from last year. • Akron Guarantee Scholarship will bring in about \$1.8m in revenue. • Transfer student enrollment is up. • Graduate applications are down. <p>The International Center:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Director, International Recruitment, JP Yates • Executive Director, Global Engagement, Robyn Brown • Director, Center for International Students and Scholars, Nicola Kille • JP Yates brought 40 international high school counselors to visit campus while they were attending a convention in Cleveland <p>Ideas being discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ohio Guarantee Plan – Universities can raise tuition for incoming freshman by 6% if they cap tuition for four years. • Reduce graduate and out-of-state tuition to attract students. • Revamp travel policy to include reasonable lodging, discounts, use of purchasing card. University gets cash back from use of the P-card. • Four-day academic calendar (MW, TTH) – guarantee students a three day weekend. Fridays would be career and study days. Possible start in Fall 2018. • Four-day work week (4 days, 10 hours) – can provide services to students in the evening hours. Can run creative programs on campus Friday-Sunday. <p>Please send ideas/comments to President Wilson, Provost Ramsier or Barbara Weinzierl.</p>
3:27 – 3:31	<p style="text-align: center;">PROVOST'S REMARKS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">REX RAMSIER</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>The following items were discussed:</p> <p>Higher Learning Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The HLC site visit team report is available on the HLC website: www.uakron.edu/hlc. • The team recommended interim reports for finance, shared governance and academic program review. The reports are due December 31, 2018. • The Institutional Actions Council (IAC) has the authority to concur with or modify the recommendations made by the site visit team. We expect to have the final action letter by fall. <p>Strategic Planning:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs to be vetted at all levels and with community members. • He is meeting with research active faculty to ensure that research is kept as a priority in the overall UA plan. <p>Students and families are on campus. Please be friendly and helpful. They are why we are here.</p>
3:31 – 3:38	<p style="text-align: center;">STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>Budget and Finance: No report.</p> <p>Communications: Working with the Recreation and Wellness Committee on a survey about food insecurity. The survey will be sent to IRB for approval to send to students.</p> <p>Information Technology: No report.</p> <p>Institutional Advancement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing to work on a toolkit of best practices to connect students to donors. • Collecting data from colleges regarding process for handling scholarship applications and funds available to students. <p>Physical Environment: They will tour Law School at their July meeting.</p> <p>Recreation and Wellness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to the Communication Committee for their work to prepare campus for the smoke- and tobacco-free policy that took effect on July 1. • Working with the Communications Committee on survey about food insecurity. <p>Student Engagement and Success: No report.</p> <p>Talent Development and Human Resources: No report.</p>
3:38 – 3:40	<p style="text-align: center;">NEW BUSINESS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">RUTH NINE-DUFF</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m. by unanimous consent.</p>