

# University Council Executive Committee

## MINUTES

OCTOBER 18, 2016

3 – 5:20 PM

LEIGH HALL 413

MEETING CALLED BY	Harvey Sterns, chair	
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Meeting	
PRESIDER	Harvey Sterns, chair	
NOTE TAKER	Kim Haverkamp	
ATTENDEES	<p><b>Members:</b> Megan Bodenschantz, Diane Gorse, Marjorie Hartleben, Kristin Koskey, Isaac Lampner, Ruth Nine-Duff, Michael Spayd, Harvey Sterns</p> <p><b>Absent with notice:</b> Rex Ramsier</p>	
Agenda topics:		
3:00 – 3:05	CALL TO ORDER	HARVEY STERNS
DISCUSSION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The chair called the meeting to order. The topic, UC Representation at Special Board of Trustees Meeting, was added to the agenda. The agenda was approved as amended by unanimous consent.</li> <li>2. The chair asked for additions or correction to the September 20 Executive Committee minutes. There being none, the minutes were approved as distributed by unanimous consent.</li> </ol>	
3:05 – 4:40	UC REPRESENTATION AT SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING	HARVEY STERNS
DISCUSSION	<p>The Board of Trustees requested that three representatives from the University Council attend the Special Board Meeting on October 19 and orally discuss with the Board in executive session the Board’s intent to remove the “Interim” titles of both Matthew J. Wilson and Rex D. Ramsier.</p> <p>Interim Provost Ramsier recused himself from the discussion.</p> <p>The chair shared feedback from University Council members and Executive Committee members shared feedback from their constituency groups. There was discussion about the feedback and the Board’s intent to remove the “Interim” titles.</p> <p>The following motion was made regarding representation at the meeting:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The three officers of University Council will represent the UC at the Special Board Meeting.  <b>The motion carried</b> by unanimous consent.</p> <p>The following UC officers will attend the October 19 Special Board Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harvey Sterns, Chair</li> <li>• Ruth Nine-Duff, Vice Chair</li> <li>• Isaac Lampner, Secretary</li> </ul>	

The following motion was made regarding the message to the Board of Trustees:  
 The University Council Executive Committee requested feedback from the constituency groups on the matter and consulted with individuals who are members of the constituency groups that UC represents. The individuals who responded represent a small number given the insufficient time provided for deliberation by the Board of Trustees.

The UC Executive Committee finds the time provided to gauge the level of support to be insufficient. Also, although there is evidence of students receiving the Interim President positively, there are differences in opinions across other constituency groups regarding a recommendation as whether to remove Interim from the titles for both the President and Provost for the following reasons:

- Insufficient time for deliberation to provide for shared governance
- The setting of a precedence for the process for other Interim positions
- Lack of performance data shared with constituency groups to provide for an informed decision
- Concerns and questions regarding the process
- Questions regarding whether the decision should be made after the Ernst & Young analysis is distributed should this decision impact the budget and finances of the institution
- Concerns regarding the lack of transparency from the Board of Trustees
- Questions regarding the purpose(s) of removing the Interim titles at this point in time

Also, the UC Executive Committee would like to note that the Board of Trustees did not formally ask the students for input, who are the largest constituency group on campus. The UC Executive Committee voted to have a student representative in attendance today to represent this group.

**The motion carried** by unanimous consent.

4:40 – 5:15

TOPIC SUBMISSIONS

HARVEY STERNS

DISCUSSION

1. A topic submission regarding renewable energy was received from Nick Golina. The topic will be referred to the Physical Environment Committee.
2. The Recreation and Wellness Committee provided a response regarding the food pantry. The Executive Committee reviewed the response and it will be sent to the author. Harvey Sterns will contact the author about a possible collaboration with Mature Services.
3. Godfrey Ovwigho informed the Executive Committee that the ITS Department has discussed cell service at Wayne College with Verizon. He will add this topic to the Information Technology Committees goals.
4. There was a discussion about President Wilson’s suggestion to look at ways to reduce textbook costs (Oct. 11 UC minutes). The development of a special committee will be discussed at the Nov. 8 UC meeting. USG is also discussing this topic and will send any policy recommendation to UC.

Discussion

1. There was discussion about a Faculty Senate proposal to establish a Budget Committee. There are FS representatives on the UC Budget and Finance Committee. The UC chair will contact the FS chair to discuss collaboration.
2. The following information was shared regarding a Tiger Team proposal to add representatives from FS, AAUP, UA chairs and UC as non-voting members to the Board of Trustees committees:
  - Finance and Administration (one member from UC)
  - Strategic Issues (one member from UC)
  - Personnel and Compensation (one member from any of these groups, chosen by the representatives of these groups)
  - Academic Issues and Student Success (one member from FS and one member from AAUP)
  - Personnel and Compensation (one member from UA chairs)
3. Office directories have been installed in Zook Hall. There was discussion about the need for a directory on each floor that identifies the location of faculty offices. Kristen Koskey will discuss this recommendation with the College of Education dean.
4. There was a question about how the situation is addressed when a committee is not meeting on a regular basis. Standing Committees are sending their approved minutes to Kim Haverkamp to post to the UC Website and SharePoint site (per March 15, 2015 UCEC minutes). Kim will inform the Executive Committee if a standing committee is not submitting minutes on a regular basis. She is also tracking member attendance per the submitted minutes and will inform the appropriate constituency group when a member has missed more than three meetings without notice, per UC Bylaw D(9)(a)(iii).
5. The Executive Committee reviewed the agenda for the November 8 UC meeting. The topic, ad hoc Textbook Committee, will be added to the agenda. The agenda was approved as amended by unanimous consent.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m. by unanimous consent.