

# University Council

MINUTES

APRIL 9, 2024

3:04-3:57 PM

LH 208 & TEAMS

MEETING CALLED BY	Tonia Ferrell, chair
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Meeting
PRESIDER	Tonia Ferrell, chair
NOTE TAKER	Heather Loughney
ATTENDEES	<p><b>Member:</b> Marilia Antunez, Alia Baig, Kim Cole, Alexis Currie, Grace DeWitt, Blair Everett, Tammy Ewin, Tonia Ferrell, Cam Feezel, Sarah Kelly, Kris Kraft, Brant Lee, John Messina, Stephen L. Myers, Linda Saliga, Varunee Faii Sangganjanavanich, Sonya Wagner, Heather Walter, Nick Weber, John Wiencek</p> <p><b>Absent with notice:</b> John Corby, Melissa Dreisbach, Tracie Epner, Gary Miller, Nate Meeker</p> <p><b>Absent without notice:</b> Stacia Biddle, Ed Evans, Dan Friesner, John Huss, Deb Owens, Catherine Strain, Eli Strohecker, Eric Veigel, Julia Wood</p> <p><b>Other attendees:</b> Christine Boyd, Suzanne Bausch, Nicholas Campana, Becky Handley, Patti Huth, Wendy Lampner, Paula Neubauer, Michele Novachek, John Reilly, Mary Rossett, Christin Seher, Tom Waltermire, Jessica Whitehill</p>
Agenda topics:	
CALL TO ORDER <span style="float: right;">TONIA FERRELL</span>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The chair called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.</li> <li>2. The chair made one correction to the agenda, removing the President’s Remarks as the president would not be able to attend today’s meeting. The revised agenda was approved.</li> <li>3. The minutes of the <a href="#">2024-3-12-minutes-university-council-final</a> meeting were approved as distributed.</li> </ol>
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT <span style="float: right;">TONIA FERRELL</span>	
	<p>The executive committee met March 25 and discussed five topic submissions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Letter Videos – forward to Communications</li> <li>• Dean’s List Publicity – forward to Communications</li> <li>• Heat in Olin Hall – was forwarded the same day to Jill Bautista with a cc to Physical Environment.</li> <li>• International Week on Campus – forward to Student Engagement with note to include USG/GSG in discussions.</li> <li>• Visitor Parking on Campus – forward to Physical Environment with note to work with UAkron Park.</li> </ul>

	<p>Unfinished Business – UC participation and Guest Speakers. Ad hoc committee for lab safety was brought by Eric Green. Discussion but no decision made.          In person UCEC meeting to be planned with Paul Levy and include BOT member.          PSAC needed approval for grievance policy to be removed from PSAC bylaws.</p>
<p><b>PROVOST’S REMARKS</b></p>	
	<p>Wiencek – president is in Columbus giving testimony at senate higher education summit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruiting – very good performance in receipt of applications and students meeting admissions criteria, challenge is with FAFSA, this is a national issue. 27% decrease in submissions of FAFSA information. All sister institutions are in the same situation. We are monitoring it closely. Feel we are doing slightly better than some institutions due to the improvements we recently made. Kudos to Admissions.</li> <li>• Workday student went live April 1, smooth launch so far. Would love to hear input. Grateful to everyone who has been involved in this. One issue we’ve also tested is our ability to package financial aid within Workday, it’s a big deal and our systems are doing well. Once Feds get issues straightened out, we’ll be set.</li> </ul> <p>Will be an interesting summer with the delayed applications and FAFSA.</p> <p>Questions?          Wagner – shout out to IT as well and the Workday rollout.          Advisors also – kicked off last week and they are doing a great job.</p>
<p><b>STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE</b></p>	
	<p>Provost’s Fellows unable to attend but sent report, given by Chair Ferrell:          Remind everyone there was a Digest announcement on UA strategic planning update, new plan links and ways to get involved. If you missed it, go look in Digest archives.          Kickoff event 4/17 – UC invited, if you did not receive invite, please email provost fellows.</p>
<p><b>GUEST SPEAKER – FEDEARIA NICHOLSON-SWEVAL          – COMPLETE COLLEGE AMERICA AND FIRST YEAR          EXPERIENCE</b></p>	
	<p>Insert link to presentation - <a href="https://uazips-my.sharepoint.com/personal/hl_uakron_edu/Documents/University%20Council/Guest%20Speakers/Presentations/Retention%20Initiatives%20-%20UC%204-9-24.pptx">https://uazips-my.sharepoint.com/personal/hl_uakron_edu/Documents/University%20Council/Guest%20Speakers/Presentations/Retention%20Initiatives%20-%20UC%204-9-24.pptx</a></p>
<p><b>COMMITTEE REPORTS</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>TONIA FERRELL</b></span></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awards – completed reviews and award recipients will receive notification shortly.</li> <li>• Budget and Finance – no report.</li> <li>• Campus Wellness – no report.</li> <li>• Communications – no report.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information Technology – no report.</li> <li>• Institutional Advancement – no report.</li> <li>• Physical Environment – no report.</li> <li>• Student Engagement and Success – met April 3, reviewed goals and are happy with status, shared that there are openings on SES and have informed UCEC. There is a Student Fair coming up and welcoming ex-officio student members who may want to be involved with this group. Next meeting will be May 3.</li> <li>• Talent Development and Human Resources – no report.</li> <li>• Ad hoc Social Engagement – moved Food Truck even to April 18, due to weather. Please join us.</li> </ul>
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<b>CONSTITUENCY REPORTS</b>	<b>TONIA FERRELL</b>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GSG –busy month. Grad student appreciation, House 330 collab, collab with Grad school for Grad student day, poster sessions. Luncheon and resume workshop done. Last week USG president and I did student trustees interviews. Student Life awards are coming up as well as Campus Remembrance Day. GSG recently held elections and Megan Frey was elected as the new GSG president with Nichole Bader as the new vice president.</li> <li>• USG – also a busy month in USG; last week was Advocacy Week on campus, educating students on various items. Event tomorrow at Compass Coffee – introducing the Zips Blue Bliss, available all day at Compass. This was the last meeting for President Alia Baig, and she thanked everyone for a great year and introduced incoming president Grace DeWitt. DeWitt greeted the body and shared that Elena Kozma will be the new vice president. She indicated she is excited to continue the work of USG started by the previous administration.</li> <li>• PSAC – met March 18 with Steven McKellips and learned about the financial aid leveraging model. Meeting next with Parking.</li> <li>• SEAC – met with President Miller and Paul Levy, received report from Blair.</li> <li>• Faculty Senate – no report.</li> <li>• Chairs – discussing ways to improve chair training and sending out a survey.</li> <li>• Deans – no report.</li> </ul>
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<b>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</b>
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<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
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<p style="text-align: center;">GOOD OF THE ORDER <span style="float: right;">TONIA FERRELL</span></p>	
	<p>John Messina shared that many events on campus celebrating students leading up to graduation. Spring Fest is a big event, raising funds to aid students. Reaching out to individuals to serve in the dunk tank to raise funds. Supporting Campus Cupboard. List of people coming out soon. Many awards ceremonies are going on as well.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 pm.</p>