

University Council

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

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STUDENT UNION 312

MEETING CALLED BY	Harvey Sterns, chair	
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Meeting	
PRESIDER	Harvey Sterns, chair	
NOTE TAKER	Kim Haverkamp	
ATTENDEES	<p>Member: Philip Allen, Linda Barrett, Taylor Bennington, Michelle Byrne, Julie Cajigas, Jeanette Carson, Jared Coleman, Elizabeth Erickson, Tonia Ferrell, Diane Gorse, Katherine Holcomb, Nancy Homa, Kristine Kraft, Lynn Lucas, Mike Nelson, Ruth Nine-Duff, Rex Ramsier, Néna Roy, Linda Saliga, Harvey Sterns, Trent Weigand, Matt Wilson</p> <p>Absent with notice: Kristen Giaquinto, Marjorie Hartleben, Shiva Sastry Absent without notice: Chand Midha</p> <p>Other attendees: Roland Bauer, Celeste Cook, Kim Cole, Olivia Demas, \ Wayne Hill, John MacDonald, John Messina, Stephen Myers, Bill Viau</p>	
Agenda topics:		
3:00 – 3:05	CALL TO ORDER	HARVEY STERNS
DISCUSSION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The chair called the meeting to order. He asked for additions to the agenda. There being none, the agenda was approved as distributed by unanimous consent. The chair asked for additions or corrections to the August 8 University Council (UC) minutes. There being none, the agenda was approved as distributed by unanimous consent. 	
3:05 – 3:27	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT	HARVEY STERNS
DISCUSSION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The chair reviewed the attached August 15 UC Executive Committee minutes. There was a discussion about having a second Goal Alignment Workshop. The committees are already working on goal development and the chairs did not feel a workshop is necessary. A suggestion was made to create a committee chair listserv so they can help one another, if needed. The UC chair reminded committee chairs to submit goals by Sept. 29. There was a discussion about how UA will focus on human development on campus. A suggestion was made to create a joint committee of UC and Faculty Senate members to look at this issue. The chair reviewed the attached proposed changes to the UC Bylaws. There was a motion to amend the following bylaws: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> G(1)(d): For purposes of conducting business, a quorum of the council shall be a majority of the filled council seats members present in person. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> G(1)(e): For purposes of conducting business, a quorum of the standing committee shall be a majority of the filled committee seats members present in person. <p>The motion carried by unanimous consent.</p> <p>UC members will vote on the proposed changes at the Oct. 10 UC meeting.</p>
3:27 – 3:27	ACTION ITEMS HARVEY STERNS
DISCUSSION	There were none at this time
3:27 – 3:46	PRESIDENT'S REMARKS MATT WILSON
DISCUSSION	<p>The following was discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrollment based on Census (locked in after 14th day) (Note: official enrollment numbers were made available September 13, 2017) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freshman enrollment is up 8.1% compared to Fall 2016 (3,722 vs. 3,442); average GPA is 3.48, highest in UA history Honors College enrollment is up 11%; average GPA is 4.04 Overall enrollment decreased 4.5%; UA planned for a 5% decrease; retention efforts are working and we hope to continue to see growth Housing is almost 100% full; last year we were in the mid-80% range The final fiscal numbers were more positive than anticipated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We overcame a \$30m deficit in FY17 and put \$12m in the savings We started FY18 with a \$29 million deficit More information is available in the President's communication to campus, Budget outlook for the coming year (Aug. 23, 2017) The International Center will have an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony on September 27. There is a website for online/evening/flexible programs: www.uakron.edu/flexible. A Director of Community Relations and Engagement has been hired to be a liaison with Akron Public Schools and provide corporate outreach. Anne Hanson started on September 11. Ernst and Young is working to complete the dashboards that will help us make informed decisions. People are being identified in departments as "super users" for training others to use the dashboards.
3:46 – 3:55	PROVOST'S REMARKS REX RAMSIER
DISCUSSION	<p>The following was discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic program review is ready to launch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phil Allen and Shiva Sastry are co-chairs of the Executive Advisory Committee The Review Committee will consist of faculty (approx. 24 people) and Faculty Senate Academic Policies Committee Deans will weigh-in on programs This process will help the President with strategic planning Laurie Thorpe is retiring and the Provost will help with the transition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get students in the right degree program as soon as possible Move central advisors to colleges Help students feel more connected to their intended colleges

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Honors College admissions process and criteria will change; requirements for Honors College will go through Honors Council and Faculty Senate ○ We will hire an Associate Dean for the Honors College; professors and associate professors are eligible to apply ● We have three students who are reservists for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); we will accommodate their absence while they are helping hurricane survivors as we do for military reservists ● President Wilson has done media appearances and signed a statement supporting Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA); John Alvarez Turner, Multicultural Center, can help students who express concern
3:55 – 4:10	<p style="text-align: center;">COMMITTEE REPORTS COMMITTEE CHAIRS</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>Budget and Finance: No report.</p> <p>Communications: Working on goals and following up on summer projects.</p> <p>Information Technology: Working on goals. The committee met with John Corby the new Chief Information Officer and the new appointed administrator of the committee.</p> <p>Institutional Advancement: Working on goals. Finished reviewing survey from colleges regarding how they administer scholarship funds.</p> <p>Physical Environment: The committee received an update on campus projects and will begin discussing the next capital projects request. The Trecaso building was razed and a potential lawn is in place. The heat line in BCAS is not working.</p> <p>Recreation and Wellness: Working on goals and the food insecurity survey.</p> <p>Student Engagement and Success: A memo was sent to department chairs to share with faculty regarding roster verification, Help a Zip and Brightspace.</p> <p>Recreation and Wellness: Working on goals.</p> <p>Talent Development and Human Resources: Working on goals. Would like to have a joint meeting with the Recreation and Wellness Committee to discuss ways to encourage healthy behaviors through the benefits system.</p> <p>Ad hoc Textbook Committee: UA has a contract with Barnes & Nobel until 2019. Looking at ways to reduce costs in small increments over time. In short run, we have to work within the restraints of the Barnes & Noble contract. They are meeting every two weeks.</p> <p>President Wilson emphasized the importance of this issue because we are mandated to report our efforts to the state.</p> <p>Ad hoc Awards Committee: It is important to administer University level awards this year. Need to streamline the nomination process to get more applicants. Would like to have a student on the committee. They are meeting every two weeks.</p>
4:10 – 4:43	<p style="text-align: center;">NEW BUSINESS HARVEY STERNS</p>

DISCUSSION

1. Alma Olson, Director of Health Services, and Lisa Ritenour, Nurse Practitioner in Health Services, presented information in the following documents regarding tuberculosis testing for international students.

- [Tuberculosis Screening Program and Policy Proposal PPT](#)
- [Tuberculosis Screening Program Proposal Key Points](#)
- [Tuberculosis Screening Document](#)

A motion was made to refer this topic to the Recreation and Wellness committee for full discussion and formal recommendation to the UC.

The motion carried by unanimous consent.

2. Harvey Sterns presented the attached [Age Friendly University Initiative](#) and discussed the principles to become an age friendly campus. There is no cost to the University.

There was a motion to endorse becoming an age friendly university.

The motion carried by a secret ballot vote of 19 in favor and 0 opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m. by unanimous consent.