

# University Council

MINUTES

MARCH 6, 2018

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STUDENT UNION 312

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| MEETING CALLED BY | Harvey Sterns, chair  |               |
| TYPE OF MEETING   | Monthly Meeting   |               |
| PRESIDER          | Harvey Sterns, chair  |               |
| NOTE TAKER        | Kim Haverkamp   |               |
| ATTENDEES         | <p><b>Member:</b> Linda Barrett, Taylor Bennington, Michelle Byrne, Julie Cajigas, Jeanette Carson, Jared Coleman, Elizabeth Erickson, Tonia Ferrell, Brittany Hartman, Katherine Holcomb, Kristine Kraft, Lynn Lucas, Chand Midha, Mike Nelson, Ruth Nine-Duff, Néna Roy, Linda Saliga, Shiva Sastry, Harvey Sterns, Matt Wilson</p> <p><b>Absent with notice:</b> Philip Allen, Marjorie Hartleben, Nancy Homa, Rex Ramsier, Marca Selway-Kaplar</p> <p><b>Other attendees:</b> Andrea Kornbluh, John MacDonald, John Messina, John Reilly, Barbara Weinzierl, Joette Dignan Weir</p> |               |
| Agenda topics:    |   |               |
| 3:00 – 3:05       | CALL TO ORDER   | HARVEY STERNS |
| DISCUSSION        | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>The chair asked for additions or corrections to the February 13 University Council minutes. There being none, the minutes were approved as distributed by unanimous consent.</li> </ol>   |               |
| 3:05 – 3:15       | EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT  | HARVEY STERNS |
| DISCUSSION        | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President Wilson referred the motion regarding TB screening for international students to Health Services and the Center for International Students and Scholars for implementation.</li> <li>The chair reviewed the attached <a href="#">January 30 UC Executive Committee minutes</a>.</li> </ol>  |               |
| 3:15 – 3:15       | ACTION ITEMS  | HARVEY STERNS |
| DISCUSSION        | There were none at this time.   |               |
| 3:15 – 3:35       | RECREATION AND WELLNESS<br>IN-DEPTH STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT   | KRIS KRAFT    |
| DISCUSSION        | The chair discussed the attached <a href="#">Recreation and Wellness Committee goals</a> .  |               |

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|  | <p>The following was discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The food insecurity survey is at IRB; they plan to distribute it to students by the end of the semester</li> <li>• A pop-up food pantry will open soon in the Student Union across from the game room <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This is a temporary operation with limited hours that will help students while a need assessment is being conducted</li> <li>○ Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The following suggestions were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking and the Library could conduct “canned goods for fees” food drives to help support the pop-up food pantry</li> <li>• The Recreation and Wellness Committee could research vending services with healthy items to help decide if UA wants to change vending companies when the contract ends</li> </ul> |
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| 3:35 – 4:00 | PRESIDENT’S REMARKS | MATT WILSON |
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| DISCUSSION | <p>The following was discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruitment efforts are being done in-house this year</li> <li>• Confirmations are gradually increasing, but are still down compared to last year at this time; enrollment management is adhering more closely to the BOT implemented changes in admission standards making undergraduate admissions slightly more selective this year</li> <li>• Residential housing applications are up</li> <li>• Deans are engaging faculty in the recruitment of graduate students</li> <li>• The EVP/Chief Academic Officer search committee will interview eight candidates via Skype beginning March 16</li> <li>• The CHP Dean search committee is collecting feedback and will make a recommendation soon</li> <li>• A Five Star Friday Task Force was convened to find ways to maximize the student experience on Fridays</li> <li>• Academic Program Review Committee is reviewing compiled materials and will provide a data analysis</li> <li>• A Strategic Planning Council is being convened</li> <li>• Fundraising and donations are up; UA received the first installment of the Jean Hower Tabor donation</li> <li>• The Akron Guarantee Scholarship has been extended to transfer students</li> <li>• International applications are up; The International Center is making progress on relationships</li> <li>• 1,400 individuals have signed up with intent to participate in esports; departments/units are finding ways to connect to esports program; the Cavs have two esports teams and have invited UA to discuss collaboration</li> </ul> <p>State Mandate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The state has mandated that we enter into a consortium with other Universities in Ohio; UA has reached out to KSU, CSU, YSU and NEOMED; consortium may also include community colleges in Northeast Ohio</li> <li>• Stark State has reached out to UA to discuss shared student services</li> </ul> <p>Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nathan Mortimer is overseeing the FY18 budget and Heidi Blakeway-Philips is assisting with the FY19 budget</li> </ul> |
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|             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have a \$21m deficit; we will continue to look at different ways to increase revenue and save money</li> </ul> <p>The following suggestions were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Communications committee offered to assist and support efforts to increase positive stories about how UA positively impacts the City of Akron and Northeast Ohio</li> <li>• To centralize graduate recruitment and enrollment efforts</li> </ul>   |
| 4:00 – 4:45 | <p style="text-align: center;">COMMITTEE REPORTS <span style="float: right;">COMMITTEE CHAIRS</span></p>   |
| DISCUSSION  | <p><b>Budget and Finance:</b> The chair presented the attached <a href="#">recommendation and rationale regarding the athletic budget</a> for a first reading and discussion. There was extensive discussion regarding this recommendation.</p> <p>President Wilson does not think the recommendation is attainable. He will share his data with University Council. The chair will also bring additional details to share with UC at the April meeting.</p> <p>The question was asked: Is the Graduate School in line with other universities or are additional cuts needed? President Wilson will share this data with University Council.</p> <p><b>Communications:</b> They met with Bob Kropff and the Communication and Marketing team to discuss online accessibility of the UA website for students with disabilities. The committee will bring a policy recommendation regarding online accessibility to the UC.</p> <p><b>Information Technology:</b> They have not met since the last UC meeting.</p> <p><b>Institutional Advancement:</b> They have not met since last UC meeting.</p> <p><b>Physical Environment:</b> The following space allocations were approved by the committee: 1. Co-location of New Student Success Center and effective utilization of space within the Admissions Office and Transfer and Adult Student Enrollment Center; 2. Departmental classroom in the Chima Family Center</p> <p>The following space allocations are being discussed: 1. Three locations for esports; 2. Departmental classroom in the Polsky Building; 3. Relocation of the English Language Institute</p> <p><b>Student Engagement and Success:</b> They are discussing a topic submission regarding services for LGBTQ students. They have invited Jolene Lane to attend the next meeting. Some items on the topic submission have already been implemented and needs to be communicated to the campus. They are also surveying the colleges about retention efforts.</p> <p><b>Talent Development and Human Resources:</b> They have not met since last UC meeting.</p> <p><b>Ad hoc Awards Committee:</b> They have received 105 nominations for the Achievement Awards. The student response has been exceptional for the faculty and mentor awards. Subcommittees have been convened to judge the awards. The awards ceremony is April 25.</p> |

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|             | <p><b>Ad hoc Human Development Committee:</b> They have not since the last UC meeting.</p> <p><b>Ad hoc Outreach and Recruitment Committee:</b> The admissions team updated the committee on their efforts. The committee asked the admissions team to let us know how the UC can help. The committee's work is complete.</p> <p><b>Ad hoc Textbook Committee:</b> They met with Provost Ramsier to discuss the state mandate for textbook affordability and an update on the overall IUC conversation about textbooks. The Barnes and Noble contract is up in May 2019 and RFPs/RFIs will be sought.</p> |
| 4:45 – 4:45 | <p style="text-align: center;">NEW BUSINESS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">HARVEY STERNS</p>   |
| DISCUSSION  | The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. by unanimous consent.  |