

# University Council

MINUTES

APRIL 10, 2018

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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><b>Member:</b> Linda Barrett, Taylor Bennington, Julie Cajigas, Jeanette Carson, Jared Coleman, Elizabeth Erickson, Marjorie Hartleben, Brittany Hartman, Katherine Holcomb, Nancy Homa, Kristine Kraft, Lynn Lucas, Chand Midha, Mike Nelson, Ruth Nine-Duff, Rex Ramsier, Néna Roy, Linda Saliga, Shiva Sastry, Marca Selway-Kaplar, Harvey Sterns, Matt Wilson</p> <p><b>Absent with notice:</b> Michelle Byrne, Tonia Ferrell</p> <p><b>Absent without notice:</b> Philip Allen</p> <p><b>Other attendees:</b> Roland Bauer, Kim Cole, Celeste Cook, John Corby, Sarah Kelly, Willy Kollman, John MacDonald, Zachary Michel, John Messina, Steve Myers, John Reilly, Bill Viau, 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. The topic, Selection of Representatives to the Presidential Advisory and Screening Committee, was added and the agenda was approved as amended.</li> <li>The chair asked for additions or corrections to the March 6 University Council minutes. There being none, the agenda was 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>The chair reviewed the attached <a href="#">March 13 UC Executive Committee minutes</a>.</li> <li>The following motion was made by the UC Executive Committee:  In order for resolutions/recommendations to be formally presented to UC, documentation must be sent to UCEC one week prior to the UC meeting so it can be distributed with the agenda.  <b>The motion carried</b> by unanimous consent.</li> <li>President Wilson referred the motion regarding a Sick Leave Policy to Dr. Rex Ramsier so that he may lead the review of this proposal with the Office of Talent Development and Human Resources.</li> <li>President Wilson referred the motion regarding requests by SEAC and CPAC to provide a timeline and criteria for the return of salary increases to Dr. Rex Ramsier so that he may lead the review of this proposal with the Office of Talent Development and Human Resources.</li> </ol>	

	<p>5. There was a discussion about the selection of three UC representatives to the Presidential Advisory and Screening Committee.</p> <p>A motion was made to select the chair (Harvey Sterns), vice chair (Ruth Nine-Duff) and secretary (Tonia Ferrell). <b>The motion carried</b> by unanimous consent.</p> <p>Tonia Ferrell is out of town and unable to attend the meeting on Thursday. A motion was made to select Jeanette Carson as an alternate for the meeting. <b>The motion carried</b> by unanimous consent.</p> <p>6. Board rule <a href="#">3359-1-05</a> details the presidential selection process, which includes meeting with constituency groups to discuss the proposed criteria, process and scheduling of the search. The Board rule went into effect June 25, 2007 prior to the creation of University Council. UC Chair Sterns thanked Board Chair Bauer for including University Council in the presidential selection process.</p> <p>The UC should draft a resolution to include University Council in appropriate Board rules.</p>
3:15 – 3:15	<p style="text-align: center;">OLD BUSINESS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">HARVEY STERNS</p>
DISCUSSION	The chair of the Budget and Finance Committee asked to move the athletic budget update to the May 1 UC meeting.
3:15 – 3:25	<p style="text-align: center;">INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN-DEPTH STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT</p> <p style="text-align: right;">LINDA BARRETT</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>The chair discussed the attached <a href="#">Information Technology Committee goals</a>.</p> <p>The following was discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consolidation of email accounts to a single platform</li> <li>• Identity management</li> <li>• Network space/storage</li> </ul> <p>It was mentioned that colleges/departments may have difficulty working with corporations if UA uses cloud drives.</p> <p>A suggestion was made to create a standardized data management plan. This type of plan is often requested when applying for foundation grants.</p> <p>The faculty laptop refresh is in the collection phase. The laptop refresh was for instructional faculty. Anyone who wants to get rid of an old computer can bring it to the Computer Center.</p>
3:25 – 3:41	<p style="text-align: center;">PRESIDENT’S REMARKS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MATT WILSON</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>The following was discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He took 25 law students to Japan to study abroad</li> <li>• He met with the president and senior administrative team of the Korea Institute of Science and Technology to discuss connecting engineering students to UA for internships</li> <li>• The first alumni event took place in Seoul, South Korea; 40 alumni attended</li> <li>• We are continuing to collaborate with KSU, CSU, YSU and NEOMED on the state mandated consortium; KSU’s president, Beverly Warren, is taking the lead</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The merger among the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE), Ohio Department of Education (ODE) and Office of Workforce Transformation (OWT) seems to have stalled</li> <li>• The state capital appropriation will focus on rehabilitation of existing buildings</li> <li>• We are continuing to collaborate with Stark State College on pathways and student services</li> <li>• We are receiving positive feedback from students regarding Five-Star Fridays</li> <li>• E-sports is continuing to move forward; we will announce sponsors soon</li> </ul>
3:41 – 3:56	<p style="text-align: center;">PROVOST'S REMARKS <span style="float: right;">REX RAMSIER</span></p>
DISCUSSION	<p>The following was discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chancellor approved five bachelor's degree programs at community colleges and deferred four; UA submitted written objections to all of the programs</li> <li>• We have submitted a request to HLC to change the status of Wayne College from being separately accredited to being accredited under the umbrella of The University of Akron</li> <li>• Forty-eight faculty are participating in the Voluntary Early Retirement Incentive Program (VRIP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Deans and faculty have been asked to determine what departments need to maintain programs that are viable for Fall 2019 and what departments want for strategic investment; May 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to get this information to the Dean's Office</li> </ul> </li> <li>• New freshman confirmations are down, but we are being more selective of who we are admitting; We are referring students with declined admission to community colleges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If students take 12 credit hours at a community college or 24 credit hours at Wayne College and do well, they can transfer to main campus and will be eligible for a Akron Guarantee Scholarship</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The initial recommendation of the Academic Program Review Committee will be discussed at the May 3 Faculty Senate meeting</li> <li>• Per Barbara Weinzierl, the Chief Academic Officer search is temporarily on hold</li> </ul>
3:56 – 4:30	<p style="text-align: center;">COMMITTEE REPORTS <span style="float: right;">COMMITTEE CHAIRS</span></p>
DISCUSSION	<p><b>Budget and Finance:</b> No report.</p> <p><b>Communications:</b> They are continuing to work on online accessibility and branding. Recommendations are forthcoming.</p> <p><b>Institutional Advancement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Roo Crew has been relaunched. It is a way for people passionate about UA to get involved with campus.</li> <li>• Alumni socials are being held in the top five areas across the country with the most alumni</li> <li>• Digital birthday cards with personalized messages are being sent to alumni</li> </ul> <p>A suggestion was made to recreate an alumni college that would hold seminars and classes in the summer.</p>

**Physical Environment:**

The committee approved the following space allocation forms:

- Space to support the campus e-gaming initiative
- CHP/SSLPA departmental classroom
- Surplus property redeployment area
- Space for telecommunication equipment

Jeanette Carson will share with the committee documentation and a proposal regarding general purpose classrooms with technology that is over 10 years old.

**Recreation and Wellness:** The food insecurity survey went out to students this morning. They will work on compiling the data this summer.

**Student Engagement and Success:**

- They are discussing options for disseminating the information collected from various departments regarding retention efforts
- They have met with Jolene Lane and are working on the topic submission regarding LGBT services; the following are already happening:
  - Transgender restrooms have been designated across campus
  - Ally training takes place on campus
  - Some units have been involved with Akron Pride Week in April

**Talent Development and Human Resources:**

- They met with the Recreation and Wellness Committee regarding the wellness incentive program topic submission
- They met with Jarrod Tudor regarding non-credit options for professional development courses
- They are researching best practices for the workplace bullying and harassment policy topic submission

**Ad hoc Awards Committee:** The committee received 106 nominations for the University Achievement Awards. The subcommittees met and selected awardees. The awards will be presented with the University Service Awards on April 25.

**Ad hoc Human Development Committee:** The committee is looking at everything UA does for human development from birth to death, including success of students in school, how to make campus more attractive to adults, child care issues to support students coming back to school, and ways to make human development programs more visible on campus.

**Ad hoc Textbook Committee:**

The committee made a motion to support the attached [resolution](#) to encourage faculty to consider adopting or developing affordable textbook alternatives that will increase textbook affordability for students. It was mentioned that the resolution does not infringe on academic freedom. **The motion carried** by unanimous consent.

A motion was made to send the resolution to Faculty Senate for consideration and possible endorsement. **The motion carried** by unanimous consent.

The following was discussed:

- A suggestion was made to add language to the Barnes and Noble contract that would help control mark-up pricing
- Affordable learning website: [www.uakron.edu/affordablelearning](http://www.uakron.edu/affordablelearning)

4:30 – 4:30

NEW BUSINESS

HARVEY STERNS

DISCUSSION	The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. by unanimous consent.
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