

University Council

MINUTES

AUGUST 21, 2018

3 – 4:05 PM

LEIGH HALL 208

MEETING CALLED BY	Harvey Sterns, chair	
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Meeting	
PRESIDER	Harvey Sterns, chair	
NOTE TAKER	Kim Haverkamp	
ATTENDEES	<p>Member: Philip Allen, Taylor Bennington, Michelle Byrne, Julie Cajigas, Jeanette Carson, Jared Coleman, Tonia Ferrell, John Green, Kristine Kraft, Paul Levy, Lynn Lucas, Chand Midha, Ruth Nine-Duff, Rex Ramsier, Néna Roy, Linda Saliga, Harvey Sterns</p> <p>Absent with notice: Linda Barrett, Elizabeth Erickson, Marjorie Hartleben, Brittany Hartman, Shiva Sastry</p> <p>Absent without notice: Nancy Homa, Marca Selway-Kaplar</p> <p>Other attendees: Andrew Adolph, Kim Cole, Celeste Cook, Wayne Hill, Sarah Kelly, Willy Kollman, Neal L'Amoreau, Jolene Lane, John MacDonald, Nathan Mortimer, Steve Myers, John Reilly, Anthony Serpette, Joette Dignan Weir</p>	
Agenda topics:		
3:00 – 3:03	CALL TO ORDER	HARVEY STERNS
DISCUSSION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The chair called the meeting to order and 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 June 12 University Council minutes. There being none, the minutes were approved as distributed by unanimous consent. 	
3:03 – 3:08	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT	HARVEY STERNS
DISCUSSION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The chair reviewed the attached June 19 UC Executive Committee minutes. The chair thanked outgoing members for their service: Michelle Byrne, Jared Coleman, Elizabeth Erickson and Nancy Homa. Harvey Sterns will continue to attend UC and UCEC for one year as an ex-officio, non-voting member per UC Bylaw (H)(1)(a). The chair reminded the following committees to submit their 2017-18 annual report: Budget and Finance, Information Technology and Physical Environment. There will be an election for UC chair and vice chair at the Sept. 11 UC meeting. Appointed Administrators should hold officer elections for their standing committee at the September meeting. Interim President Green forwarded the proposed revisions to University Rule 3359-1-05 President of the University to the Office of General Counsel for consideration by the Rules Committee of the Board of Trustees. 	

DISCUSSION	<p>The following were discussed:</p> <p>Academic Program Review (APR):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APR began one year ago; faculty and administration worked together on the comprehensive review • We reviewed all degree programs at once; we have 414 degrees and tracks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 81% of the degree programs are performing within our expectations; 95% of our students are enrolled in these programs ○ Programs with low enrollment and/or degrees earned, or that duplicated heavily invested programs at other regional institutions were identified to be phased out over 3-5 years ○ Polymers, music, dance, cybersecurity, nursing health and biosciences, communication, engineering and business are among the academic programs and fields identified as areas for investment; we will conduct searches for 32 positions (31 faculty and 1 contract professional) • The Interim President and Provost made the final decisions; the President submitted the recommendation to the BOT; the following people were consulted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chand Midha (Statistician) – to ensure the data was as accurate as possible ○ Nathan Mortimer – financial and investment issues ○ Wayne Hill – communication on- and off-campus ○ President and Provost discussed with the deans • APR will be the basis for future planning and the 2020 budget • We are meeting with Faculty Senate about the strategic plan on Aug. 23 • We will meet with University Council about the strategic plan after new members begin <p>The President was asked if there would be an opportunity to reconsider APR decisions if there was any misinformation or incorrect assumptions. He responded that in such a case the facts could be corrected, but he was uncertain about any revisions.</p> <p>Strategic Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will begin the strategic planning process in October • A steering committee will handle the substructure of the process • UC will serve as the vetting body and we will brief members and ask for input at regular UC meetings
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DISCUSSION	<p>The following were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UA (with Kent State) has opposed Stark State's proposal of a bachelor degree in accounting; Dr. Susan Hanlon, associate dean of the College of Business Administration, will testify in Columbus; every business dean in Ohio has signed a letter of opposition <p>Basis of opposition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Duplication of existing programs (11 in Northeast Ohio) ○ Market assessment was inaccurate ○ Body of knowledge and academic rigor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Provost reviewed the curriculum proposals that were being held until after the APR process was completed • The Administrative Activities Review (AAR) submissions are currently being reviewed; position requests and promotions are being held until the AAR process is completed
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DISCUSSION

Budget and Finance: The committee will begin working on the FY19 budget now that the FY18 budget is closed. The total amount drawn from University reserves was approximately \$4.5 million.

Communications: The committee is working on a communication plan aimed at students, so they are aware of Student Emergency Financial Assistance (SEFA) funds that are available to them. Because SEFA funds will run out next year, the committee will develop an awareness campaign to help support the “Family Helping Family” fund and UA food pantry.

Informational Technology: No report.

Institutional Advancement: The committee is continuing to work on a tool kit that will help each college with communications to students and donors. Jared Coleman’s CPAC term is ending and he will no longer be a member of UC, but he will continue to help the committee with the toolkit.

Physical Environment: The committee is working on project construction updates and space allocation forms.

Recreation and Wellness: The committee is drafting goals for the upcoming year. They will compare the data from the food insecurity survey with the Nutrition and Dietetics FURVED survey.

Student Engagement and Success: The committee is drafting goals for the upcoming year. They will research the importance of early enrollment and the impact of the timing of the students' bill on registration. They will explore possible policy recommendations. Another goal is a collaboration with ITL to present teaching workshops in the fall beginning in September and three in the spring.

Talent Development and Human Resources: No report on activities. The committee noted they will need to elect a new chair so they can begin setting goals for the upcoming year.

Ad hoc Awards Committee: The chair discussed the attached [University of Akron Achievement Awards Resolution](#) and the committee recommends adoption by the administration of The University of Akron. There was a concern about the budget request. There was a motion to adopt the recommendations with the understanding that the budget aspect would have to be worked out. **The motion carried** by a vote of 14 in favor and 1 opposed.

Ad hoc Human Development Committee: The committee is continuing to discuss ways to support adult students coming to UA, such as Adult Focus and the 60+ Program. They have developed a list of suggested sites for child care.

Ad hoc Textbook Committee: The Affordable Learning Summit hosted by UA Libraries in August was well attended. The committee is discussing the use of open-source textbooks and the use of a publisher’s bank of books. Kris Kraft used OpenStax textbooks this summer and had good success. A suggestion was made to share the data on Pearson’s First Day Experience in an effort to raise awareness and reduce the cost of textbooks for students. The committee is also working on the State of Ohio Efficiency report related to textbook affordability, which will be due this fall.

	Ad hoc Web Accessibility Committee: The first meeting was convened in August. They discussed what the web team has already done and ways to make the website more accessible. Some of the areas they will begin looking at are Brightspace, video captioning, main website, and library resources. They will bring any policy recommendations to the UC.	
4:05 – 4:05	NEW BUSINESS	HARVEY STERNS
DISCUSSION	There was none at this time.	
	The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m. by unanimous consent.	