University Council

- UC Steering Committee decided to bring back to University Council the February 2013 UC bylaws and Trustee York’s comments on behalf of the BOT Strategic Issues Committee
- A revision committee including all constituency groups was established to revision the bylaws in light of the Board of Trustee’s request

General Education

- Progress is being made via college voting
- Voting is “in favor” of the general education reform efforts
- Votes in the affirmative have been accompanied by requests for clarification or involvement by faculty in various ways as the governance process progresses

Academic Program Review

- In consultation with faculty
  - Requested departments/schools respond to the APR committee’s recommendations
  - Requested that departments/schools interact with their dean regarding the disposition of degree programs within each unit
- Met with deans last week to discuss the APR committee’s recommendations
- Next will review results with the president to determine next steps—will use the academic governance process as appropriate
- Assessment presented by the dean of the Graduate School was a separate and independent assessment of programs

FY14 Budget Update

- $30M shortfall, with the predicted $7M shortfall in tuition revenue, has been balanced with a broad range of cuts within academic support and academic units
- Budget is currently being re-based with another $15M shortfall identified because of continued decline in enrollment revenues
- Reductions are not “across the board;” they are strategic as possible, taking advantage of retirements and planned attrition
- Reductions include 3.9% from academic and 7.3% from academic support

Student Success

- Thank you for involvement in the use of MAPworks to help support students
- Thanks for providing feedback of student performance in 100- and 200-level courses
- Please use the “Help a Zip” website, located on My Akron, to alert us to students who are in need of support