

University Council

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 14, 2017

3 – 4:32 PM

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, Julie Cajigas, Jeanette Carson, Jared Coleman, Elizabeth Erickson, Tonia Ferrell, Katherine Holcomb, Nancy Homa, Kristine Kraft, Chand Midha, Mike Nelson, Ruth Nine-Duff, Néna Roy, Linda Saliga, Shiva Sastry, Marca Selway-Kaplar, Harvey Sterns</p> <p>Absent with notice: Michelle Byrne, Kristen Giaquinto, Marjorie Hartleben, Lynn Lucas</p> <p>Absent without notice: Taylor Swift, Trent Weigand</p> <p>Other attendees: Heidi Blakeway-Phillips, Olivia Demas, Debbie Gannon, John Messina, Nathan Mortimer, Stephen Myers, Rex Ramsier, John Reilly, Barbara Weinzierl, Joette Dignan Weir, Matt Wilson</p>

Agenda topics:

3:00 – 3:10 CALL TO ORDER HARVEY STERNS

DISCUSSION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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. 2. The chair asked for additions or corrections to the October 10 University Council minutes. There being none, the agenda was approved as distributed by unanimous consent. 3. Please let Kim Haverkamp know if you are interested in serving on the ad hoc Human Development Committee. The first item of business will be implementing the Age Friendly University initiative. 4. The chair read the attached motion response from President Wilson regarding the resumption of men’s baseball and the addition of women’s lacrosse. The recommendations are being forwarded to both the Athletic Director and Chief Financial Officer for consideration and action. 5. The chair read the attached motion response from President Wilson regarding undergraduate students taking graduate classes in the Graduate School at the undergraduate tuition rate. The matter is being forwarded to the Bursar’s Office for consideration and action.
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	<p>6. The chair read the attached motion response from President Wilson regarding the UC Bylaws revisions that were endorsed at the June 13 and October 10 UC meetings. The revisions are being forwarded to the Office of General Counsel for consideration by the Rules Committee of the Board of Trustees, with the endorsement of both the President and Provost.</p> <p>The following revisions were made to the bylaws for clarification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D(3): Employees who retire from the university and continue employment pursuant to a re-employment agreement remain active in the HR system may, if they wish, continue to fulfill the duties of their unexpired terms, but may not run for another term. Continuation of terms shall be subject to only with the approval of the constituency group that selected or elected them. • D(9)(a)(i): Is no longer a member of the group from which they were selected, unless this is due to retirement from the university. Employees who retire from the university and continue employment pursuant to a re-employment agreement remain active in the HR system may, if they wish, continue to fulfill the duties of their unexpired terms, but may not run for another term. Continuation of terms shall be subject to only with the approval of the constituency group that selected or elected them. If this approval is not granted, a vacancy may be declared.
3:10 – 3:15	<p>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT HARVEY STERNS</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>The chair reviewed the attached October 17 UC Executive Committee minutes.</p>
3:15 – 3:25	<p>ACTION ITEMS HARVEY STERNS</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>Julie Cajigas and John Messina, co-chairs, ad hoc Awards Committee, presented the attached University-level Awards Resolution.</p> <p>The following was discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simplified nomination process • Any member of the campus community can make a nomination, including students • Inclusiveness in awards (staff, contract professional, faculty, part-time faculty) • UC Awards Committee will be awarding body; all constituent groups should be represented on the committee • Awards presented annually with University service awards (instead of Founder’s Day event) <p>The ad hoc Awards Committee made a motion to endorse the University-level Awards Resolution. The motion carried by a secret ballot vote of 17 in favor and 0 opposed.</p>
3:25 – 3:35	<p>PRESIDENT’S REMARKS MATT WILSON</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>The following was discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are in the process of developing the University’s Capital Request for the Ohio Board of Regents. Nathan Mortimer will meet with the UC Physical Environment Committee to discuss. The State of Ohio is expected to reduce capital request funding by 10% over last biennium. • People are being trained to use the dashboards developed by Ernst and Young. It is anticipated that this will be completed by the end of the calendar year. • Revised budget numbers based on last year’s actual spending have been provided to departments.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter will be sent to the campus community encouraging frugality in travel. • We are undergoing a budget reassessment to better refine deficit number for current fiscal year. • A task force has been created to look at the summer semesters, which are underutilized. We will discuss with USG ways to attract students through a survey that is being developed. • The idea of a four-day academic calendar was discussed with focus groups. Information from the focus groups was used to develop a survey for undergraduate students with about 3,000 student responses. Provost Ramsier is discussing feasibility with the Registrar's Office. Campus community input will be sought soon. • We are working with the City of Akron on the Bounce Project, a maker space on S. Main Street. UA would like to use the facility for a cyber security range and an e-sports arena. • There may be suitors for the Plasma Center property or it may be razed for green space.
3:35 – 3:40	<p style="text-align: center;">PROVOST'S REMARKS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">REX RAMSIER</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>The following was discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are meeting with vendors about new software for course scheduling. • We are looking at ways to streamline the travel paperwork process to be more cost effective on the staffing side. • Thank you to those serving on the Academic Program Review Committee. The Academic Review Process is continuing to move forward. • Thank you to the UC ad hoc Textbook Committee. Members are attending textbook vendor presentations this week and will provide Provost Ramsier with a summary. It is important to make textbooks affordable to students while maintaining quality. • Reports regarding duplicative programs and the cost of remedial education are going to the Board of Trustees in December for informational purposes.
3:40 – 3:45	<p style="text-align: center;">BUDGET AND FINANCE IN-DEPTH STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT</p> <p style="text-align: right;">SHIVA SASTRY</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>The chair discussed the attached Budget and Finance Committee goals. They are discussing the FY19 budget process per the implementation of the Strategic Planning and Budgeting Process that was endorsed by the UC and President Wilson.</p>
3:45 – 4:32	<p style="text-align: center;">COMMITTEE REPORTS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMMITTEE CHAIRS</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>Communications: They are working on a recommendation regarding communication accessibility of the UA website. They will meet with Bob Kropff and Eric Kreider from University Communications and Marketing. They are also working on a promotion concept for University-level awards.</p> <p>Information Technology: They are finalizing the committee goals, which include consolidation of email accounts to a single platform, identity management and network storage space. The faculty laptop refresh is in progress.</p> <p>Institutional Advancement: They are continuing to look at the process for administering scholarships.</p> <p>Physical Environment: They discussed strategy for the University's Capital Request. They also discussed the club sports practice field topic submission. John Messina, VP for</p>

	<p>Student Success, and John MacDonald, Director of Student Recreation and Wellness Services, are also working on club sports practice field issue.</p> <p>Recreation and Wellness: They are working with Alma Olson, director of health services, on the tuberculosis screening program proposal and will be bringing forth a resolution to UC for approval of a TB screening policy.</p> <p>Student Engagement and Success: They are working to identify faculty with high-impact teaching strategies and techniques to conduct workshops through the Institute for Teaching and Learning. The workshops will focus on student engagement and retention through teaching.</p> <p>Talent Development and Human Resources: The chair asked for details about a proposed buyout that is being discussed by UA leadership and expressed the importance of quality of academics and continuation of programs as a crucial element to any buyout plan. President Wilson and Provost Ramsier explained that a buyout is being discussed as another potential retirement option for faculty. The Transition After Retirement Program (TARP) will continue to be an option for faculty. A resolution is going to the Board of Trustees in December to seek permission to begin discussions with constituent groups about the buyout proposal.</p> <p>Ad hoc Textbook Committee: They are attending textbook vendor presentations this week and will provide Provost Ramsier with a summary. Several members attended an all-day workshop at Kent State last week about open network textbook resources.</p>
4:32 – 4:32	<p style="text-align: center;">NEW BUSINESS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">HARVEY STERNS</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m. by unanimous consent.</p>