

University Council Special Meeting

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SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

1:30 – 2:30 PM

MEETING CALLED BY	Stacey Moore, chair
TYPE OF MEETING	Special Meeting
PRESIDER	Stacey Moore, chair
NOTE TAKER	Kim Haverkamp
ATTENDEES	<p>Member: Rick Angeletti, Matt Bungard, Thomas Calderon, James Durbin, Wayne Hill, Nancy Homa, Isaac Lampner, Tim Lillie, Chand Midha, Stacey Moore, Godfrey Ovwigho, Diane Raybuck, Mike Sherman, Michael Spayd, Harvey Sterns, Suzanne Testerman, Lauri Thorpe, Bill Viau</p> <p>Absent: Larry Burns, Ted Curtis, Elizabeth Erickson, Kristin Koskey, Kristine Kraft, Nancy Marion, Nathan Mortimer, Taylor Swift</p> <p>Other attendees: Jennifer Blickle, Kim Haverkamp</p>

Agenda topics

1:30 – 1:35 CALL TO ORDER STACEY MOORE

DISCUSSION	1. The chair called the meeting to order.
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1:35 – 2:30 PRESENTATION PRESIDENT SCARBOROUGH

DISCUSSION	<p>President Scarborough was chair of the University of Toledo University Council and a student member of the University of Texas University Council.</p> <p>He is hopeful that the UC bylaws will be approved by the BOT this semester. He complimented the UC on the great work being done.</p> <p>The President asked UC members to identify the topics they wanted to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus physical environment/master planning • LeBron James scholarships/partnership • Faculty lines • UC key success factors/helpful ideas • Budget • Employee morale • Identity of UA • Dr. Proenza future role • Honors College • Graduate School • President’s visibility • Athletics
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President Scarborough discussed the following topics:

LeBron James scholarships/partnership:

He discussed the attached [University Strengths](#) document. We need to either grow a strength or build a strength to meet the market demand. The Executive Director of the LeBron James Family Foundation is an alumna of the University of Akron. We created a more meaningful relationship with LeBron that will benefit the University of Akron and the kids in the LeBron's James Family Foundation.

Faculty lines: He worked with the colleges to determine which faculty lines to approve and they will be communicated after BOT approval.

Budget: He spent the first year learning the budget process to understand how to stabilize the finances. He invited one representative from Faculty Senate, the faculty union and the UC Budget & Finance Committee to review the budget with him. The UC Budget & Finance committee is a broadly representative group that provides input and feedback on the budget. He does not expect the committee to review each line item of the budget.

President's visibility: During the first year, he spent 75% of his time internally focused and 25% externally focused to understand what goes on at the college level, the financial level and the market level. His goal next year is to be more externally focused.

UC key success factors: He would like the UC to continue to be a group that comes together and practices shared governance to help move the University forward.

Employee moral: He will discuss his vision for the future of the University at his State of the University Address on October 20. We need to clearly communicate where the University is heading and get excited about it.

Identity of UA: We cannot be a generic state university and rely on recruiting the majority of our students from Northeast Ohio. We need to become a destination university that offers something distinct and special. The Polytechnic educational experience is an attempt to make our historical strengths unique and special.

Dr. Proenza's future role: It is customary for a president emeritus to be given a one-year sabbatical. Dr. Proenza has chosen to take a two-year sabbatical at half pay. It is his choice whether he comes back to teach after his sabbatical.

Due to time constraints, President Scarborough will discuss the remaining topics at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m. by unanimous consent.