

University Council

MINUTES

OCTOBER 10, 2023

3:00-3:30 PM

LH 208 & TEAMS

MEETING CALLED BY	Tonia Ferrell, chair
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Meeting
PRESIDER	Tonia Ferrell, chair
NOTE TAKER	Heather Loughney
ATTENDEES	<p>Member: Marilia Antunez, Kim Cole, Alexis Currie, John Corby, Alexis Currie, Grace DeWitt, Melissa Dreisbach, Ed Evans, Tammy Ewin, Cam Feezel, Tonia Ferrell, Dan Friesner, Kris Kraft, Brant Lee, Nate Meeker, John Messina, Stephen L. Myers, Michele Novachek, Deb Owens, Linda Saliga, Varunee Faii Sangganjanavanich, Eric Veigel, Sonya Wagner, Nick Weber, Heather Walter, John Wiencek</p> <p>Absent with notice: Dallas Grundy, John Huss, Sarah Kelly, Gary Miller</p> <p>Absent without notice:</p> <p>Other attendees: Matt Akers, Suzanne Bausch, Jeanette Berger, Nicholas Campana, Jeanette Carson, Celeste Cook, Lily Coss, Aimee DeChambeau, Stephanie Davis-Dieringer, Scott Dilling, Max Fightmaster, Evan Gannon, Becky Hanley, Marjorie Hartleben, Anne Hanson Hilaire, Emily Janoski-Haehlen, Rhiannon Kallis, Matthew Kolodziej, Paul Levy, Lydia Lungu, Steve McKellips, Erin Makarius, Patricia Miller, Paula Neugebauer, Deniesha Newby, Richard Newsome, Fedearia Nicholson-Sweval, Melissa Olson, Steve Patton, Gwen Price, Marc Reed, John Reilly, Mary Rossett, Lisa Sabol, Mark Stasitis, Tom Waltermire, Matt Williams, Kimberly Zebedis</p>
Agenda topics:	
	<p>CALL TO ORDER TONIA FERRELL</p>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The chair called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm. 2. The agenda was approved with one correction, the minutes of the September 12 meeting will be approved at the next UC meeting as they were just distributed yesterday. The agenda was approved as amended. 3. The minutes of the September 12, 2023, meeting will be approved at the November meeting.
	<p>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT TONIA FERRELL</p>
	<p>The chair began by welcoming all the UC committees' members in attendance today, both in person and in Teams. As is dictated in the UC bylaws, once a year the entire body of the UC is invited to attend a meeting. Today is also the President's State of the University address, so today's meeting will be brief to allow everyone to walk over to the Student Union for the address.</p>

The chair then gave an overview of the University Council; that the UC meets once per month all year around, links to the Teams portion of the meeting are made available each month in the Digest. UC is the representative body of the faculty, staff, professional staff, chairs and deans and deliberates policies and procedures and other substantive matters pertaining to UA. There are 25 voting members, 13-15 are appointed by constituency groups and the president and provost are ex-officio. The UCEC is made of 8 members; 3 officers and other appointees, 8 committees under the UC that are home to 96 people. To be on EC a member must have to be elected by UC members. EC coordinates the agenda for the UC meetings. Standing committee members are appointed by the constituencies. On top of that, we have special committees; the Awards committee reports directly to UCEC, and also the ad hoc Social Engagement committee, if interested in serving Social Engagement, are looking for members. Volunteers serve on those two committees. 110 UC members overall representing campus, thank you all for your service and commitment to shared governance. UCEC would like to hear from you and if you or your committee need something.

The Executive Committee met September 26 with the following business:

- Two topic submissions were received – Leigh Hall Elevators, sent to Physical Environment and Menopause Support, sent to Campus Wellness.
- The agenda for today’s meeting was discussed and shortened to allow for everyone to attend the State of the University address. The budget talk scheduled for October will take place at the November meeting.
- The chair and the provost have been scheduling meetings with committee admins and chairs to discuss the work of the committees. Already completed one good meeting with one committee.
- Unfinished Business included:
 - Discussion of faculty senate committee overlap; CCTC will not combine with UCIT, but Student Affairs has voted to dissolve and have 2 faculty members appointed to the SES.
 - Discussion of the procedure of allowing an additional member of a constituency when more than one member is an officer in EC, decided that procedure would no longer be followed.
 - Discussed the procedural manual that Heather and Becky are working on, EC to see manual by December.
 - UC will maintain its meeting schedule despite overlap with March BOT meetings.
- Social Engagement is looking for more members.

A reminder to be sure to send agenda items to the UCEC one week at least before the next meeting, bylaws state it should be two weeks, but willing to accept one week. Need at least a week for review and endorsement of items to put on agenda.

PROVOST’S REMARKS

Wienczek – In spirit of trying to get everyone to participate in the State of the University address I’ll be brief. I want to acknowledge our BOT members here today; Tom

	<p>Waltermire and Nick Compana. Apologize if I missed anyone else. Grateful to our BOT members, they are dedicated to the institution and care deeply about all of us and want to know what's on our mind.</p> <p>I think the best piece of news I have to share is about enrollment; ABJ article expressed that it is a milestone moment for UA, we are finally over the enrollment decline, anticipating a nice incline in enrollment. We are in midst of enrollment dip and will not improve over next 5 years; meaning work must continue and volunteering to do whatever is needed as we need it to grow enrollment.</p> <p>I have been visiting academic departments, 5-6 more to go. Thank you to all departments for spending time with me, given how many departments there are they have been brief conversations, common themes are optimism, wanting to help, questions about missing events and how to do better. Grateful to all faculty and staff who have participated. Things are looking good because this community recognized the need to change, that it was foolish to do things the same way and expect something different. Thank you to our shared governance groups for listening to us and giving input. People have been able to stretch and meet goals and we attained them because of the stretch. The president will speak today, doors open at 3:45, address at 4:15, hope to see you all there.</p>
<p>STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE</p>	
	<p>Juravich – I am here with Erin Makarius, third member is Angela Hartsock and she's here in spirit. Next iteration of plan, working with provost for past 17 months on updating the plan and creating next version of the plan. Draft is pretty far along, provost is sharing with his group for feedback, follow up with leaders in each 5 promise areas; will expect to have draft to UPG for feedback and then will be shared with this group. I will come back with detailed presentation and to answer questions. Happy to answer questions.</p> <p>The chair thanked the fellows for their work and for taking the vision of the group and refining it into a great process for the university.</p>
<p>COMMITTEE REPORTS TONIA FERRELL</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awards – meeting is scheduled for this month. • Budget & Finance – working on goals, meeting monthly. • Campus Wellness – working on topic submission that was received. • Communications – established goals and elected co-chairs. • Information Technology – working on goals and filling vacancies on the committee. Submitted document to UCEC to come next month. • Intuitional Advancement – Janoski-Haehlen shared presentation. We are in the process of learning about Advancement and having presentations, intentional about helping department chairs use Advancement and use of named rooms and buildings, talking a lot about Polsky Initiative, 30-plus constituency meetings around that.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Environment – no report. • Student Engagement and Success – met 9/11 for first meeting, elected officers for the year, set goals for the year. We are in a good place to move forward on goals. Next meeting 10/13. • Talent Development and Human Resources – met 9/25 and worked on goals. Waiting to fill vacancies. • Social Engagement – no report.
CONSTITUENCY REPORTS	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSG – end of month should have five senator positions and Treasurer filled. Working on that this month. • USG – updates – held 2nd annual student leader summit, this week Friday UAPD meet and greet event, new USG team building event, encouraging students to join general USG committees. Open to all students. • SEAC – still trying to seek more nominations for vacancies, sending out another email this week to get more nominations, meet next week to vote. Next month will vote for officers. Chairs – if you have any staff employees, encourage them to participate in shared governance, SEAC needs more participation in the group. • PSAC – met on 9/25 and went over Sept 20 social engagement event, which went well. Elected officers and chairs for the elected committee and set our speaker for the semester. • Faculty Senate – met last Thursday, heard about group forming with provost to recognize PT Faculty, passed resolution on approval of earned credit for prior learning. • Chairs – no report. • Deans – busy with budget process and academic investment process. Ideas sent to chairs, will move up to deans.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	
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NEW BUSINESS	
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BOT member Tom Waltermire pointed out the need for more people to be on their cameras in Teams.• Nate Meeker gave a shoutout to the UCM for the recruitment videos, was an excellent job. Well done UCM.• The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm. |
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