

University Council

MINUTES

JUNE 10, 2025

3:00 – 3:35 PM

LH 208 AND TEAMS

MEETING CALLED BY	Tonia Ferrell, chair
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Meeting
PRESIDER	Tonia Ferrell, chair
NOTE TAKER	Heather Loughney
ATTENDEES	<p>Members: Stephanie Davis-Dieringer (TDHR chair), Karima Elgarroussi (IT chair), Tracie Epner (UCEC), Ed Evans (UCEC), Blair Everett (UCEC), Tonia Ferrell (chair), Dan Friesner, John Huss (IA chair), Kris Kraft (secretary, CW chair), Nate Meeker (vice chair), Gwen Price (ex-officio), Linda Saliga (BF chair), Madilyn Shaw (UCEC), Sonya Wagner</p> <p>Members Absent with notice: Marilia Antunez, Stacia Biddle (SES chair), Faii Sangganjanavanich</p> <p>Members Absent without notice: Brant Lee, Ally Temsey, Aimee Trunko (UCEC), Bethel Tsige, Alison Winters</p> <p>Other attendees: Michele Banis, Becky Handley, Patricia Chapman, Kim Cole (AA), Alexis Currie, Jennifer Hebert, Judith Juvancic-Heltzel, Sarah Kelly (AA), Wendy Lampner, Meredith Merry, Patricia Miller, Jesse Redwine, Mark Stasitis, Michael Trivisonno, Misty Villers (AA), Tom Waltermire (BOT), Nick Weber (AA), Jessica Whitehill, Katie Willis, Mia Yaniko</p> <p>AA – appointed administrators BOT – Board of Trustee member UCEC – members of the University Council Executive Committee</p>
CALL TO ORDER TONIA FERRELL	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. 2. The agenda was approved as distributed. 3. The minutes of the May 13, 2025 meeting https://uazips-my.sharepoint.com/personal/hl_uakron_edu/Documents/University%20Council/UC%20Minutes/2025/2025-5-13-minutes-university-council-final.pdf were approved as distributed.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT TONIA FERRELL	
	<p>The chair began with the EC report – the EC met on May 27 and had a lengthy discussion about topic submissions and the lack of submissions over the past academic year. The change in leadership and the call from the president for input to his office may have been one of the reasons for the lack of submissions. The change in leadership was also the topic of discussion with regard to the conversation around engaging leadership and the changes in the past year and its effect on the goals of the University Council. UCEC discussed how to make the line of communication stronger to drive the goals of UC and its committees.</p>

	<p>There was also discussion on scheduling committee meetings and creating clear goals for the committees. Alignment with the UA strategic plan as well. Student presentations over the last year were well received and appreciated. June will be a budget assumption report, once the budget is approved by the Board of Trustees then there will be a full budget presentation to UC. UCEC discussed SB1 and remarks of the provost. She will answer questions at future meetings and UC will request input/questions from campus. The agenda for the June UC meeting was discussed and approved. The Social Engagement Committee received four volunteers to serve and those names were shared with the committee.</p>
PRESIDENT'S REMARKS – GIVEN BY SARAH KELLY	
	<p>President Nemer was unable to attend, but Sarah Kelly read his remarks. UA was excited to welcome 160/90 to campus for the reveal of the new brand for UA.</p> <p>Pleased to report we have a qualified pool of applicants for the position of ?? Ideas for implementation of the new brand can be sent to ??</p> <p>Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Searches for VP of Advancement and Chief Facilities officer continue, thank you to those who volunteered to serve. • Unit managers are asked to continue to submit questions through the “Call to Action” form, primarily related to recruiting , retention, overall student services and ideas that are in place and working. • Construction news – thank you to everyone for putting up with this and we hope good weather continues so that work can be finalized.
PROVOST'S REMARKS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrollment update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Registration is up 9.25% compared to 2024, 3.2% over 2023. - Confirmation numbers have overtaken total confirmations for 2024, and we are 4.24% ahead on confirmations over 2023. This is exciting news. - Graduate enrollment is strong, with our master's numbers almost doubling our numbers from 2024. - Transfers remain solid, outperforming the last 3 years. - Wayne numbers are a cause for optimism as well, up from last year at this point in time. • HLC – work continues as 2026 visit approaches, self-study in March, HLC visits in September. Thank you to those who agreed to be team leads. Everyone else be ready to help when asked. • SB1 – goes into effect June 27. Have to be in compliance in general by that date. BOT actions will be to comply with that order. Working groups will be convening to determine the process. There is an SB1 resource page on UA website for faculty and students. Following up on request from Faculty Senate for an FAQ page, that is in place now. Follow link on page to get the form to submit questions. • ITL name changing to ITLA – Assessment being added. Jenny Hebert is the director, and search has begun for Assistant Director.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two Vice Provost positions will close June 11 and the search committee will begin work. • Shout out to the library and Office of Accessibility for their work on the Accessibility project in Bierce Library, thank you to all involved. <p>There were no questions for the Provost.</p>
<div>COMMITTEE REPORTS</div> <div>TONIA FERRELL</div>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awards – going through to update manual and figure out how to do it better next year. • Campus Wellness – met last month and reviewed the Akron Corporate Challenge; gathered five teams for the challenge. • Communications – no report. • Information Technology – no report. • Institutional Advancement – no report. • Physical Environment – no report. • Student Engagement and Success – no report. • Talent Development and Human Resources – no report. • Social Engagement – no report. • Budget & Finance – Misty Villers gave an overview of the university-wide assumptions for FY 25/26, pending approval by the Board of Trustees. Assumptions - FY2026 FINAL.docx
<div>CONSTITUTENCY REPORTS</div> <div>TONIA FERRELL</div>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSG – no report. • USG - have been busy, overall getting set up for next year – focusing on the new ways to get involved in celebration of centennial. Working with the Source to do zoning revisions. Working on Bylaws for the upcoming year. Preparing to present at Orientations. Excited to meet new people. Working/going over Ohio Safety Grant to figure out how to allocate those dollars. Looking at bigger events. I have been in contact with people about putting in the new committee appointments, hoping to have those to Heather by September. • PSAC – met May 19; summer events and back to school events for staff being planned. Election – nominations now out and voting will begin today. Voting open through June 24. PSAC members asked to vote. • SEAC – met last month, thank you to Michele Novachek who has retired. Nominations are coming out next month.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FS – no report, Senate does not meet again until September. • Chairs – no report. • Deans – finished budgets for the year, thanks to Misty and her staff. Congratulations to Dean McKinney, he is going to Cincinnati.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
NEW BUSINESS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
GOOD OF THE ORDER	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None <p>The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm.</p>