

University Council

MINUTES

DECEMBER 4, 2018

3 – 4:10 PM

ZOOK HALL 108

MEETING CALLED BY	Phil Allen, chair	
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Meeting	
PRESIDER	Phil Allen, chair	
NOTE TAKER	Kim Haverkamp	
ATTENDEES	<p>Member: Philip Allen, Linda Barrett, Taylor Bennington, Jeanette Carson, Katie Cerrone, Ed Evans, Tonia Ferrell, John Green, Marjorie Hartleben, Kristine Kraft, Paul Levy, Mary Jo MacCracken, Allen Mathis, Chand Midha, Kris Nakoneczny, Ruth Nine-Duff, Jonah Pichette, Rex Ramsier, Linda Saliga, Kimberly Schveder, Julia Spiker, Harvey Sterns</p> <p>Absent with notice: Julie Cajigas, Brittany Hartman, Lynn Lucas</p> <p>Absent without notice: Hailey Cargill</p> <p>Standing Committee Members: William Cole, Sharon Crawford, Robert Gandee, Steve Kauffman, Huey-Li Li, Alma Olson, Barb Pizzute, Carrie Short</p> <p>Other attendees: Andrew Adolph, Roland Bauer, Celeste Cook, Annie Hanson, Wayne Hill, Sarah Kelly, Jolene Lane, John MacDonald, John Messina, Stephen Myers, John Reilly, Joette Dignan Weir</p>	
Agenda topics:		
3:00 – 3:02	CALL TO ORDER	PHIL ALLEN
DISCUSSION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. The chair asked for additions or corrections to the November 13 University Council minutes. The date will be corrected. The minutes were approved as amended by unanimous consent. 	
3:02 – 3:04	CHAIR'S REMARKS	PHIL ALLEN
DISCUSSION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Aimee deChambeau will discuss UA's continuous planning cycle. Shared governance has played a part of this process at each step. University Council and Faculty Senate will be asked to review a revised University Plan each year. The chair wished everyone a happy holiday season. 	
3:04 – 3:06	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT	PHIL ALLEN
DISCUSSION	The chair reviewed the attached November 20 UC Executive Committee minutes .	
3:06 – 3:08	PRESIDENT'S REMARKS	JOHN GREEN
DISCUSSION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> President Green hopes to see everyone at the UA Holiday Social on Monday, Dec. 10 from 3 - 5 p.m. in the Jean Hower Taber Student Union Faculty/Staff Dining Room and Piano Lounge. Stop by for cookies, coffee, cider and fellowship. 	

	<p>2. Congratulations to the soccer team as they head to California for the NCAA College Cup. We are proud of them for achieving success at the highest levels</p> <p>3. He wished everyone a restful and happy holiday break.</p>
3:08 – 3:10	<p style="text-align: center;">PROVOST’S REMARKS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">REX RAMSIER</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>1. Provost Ramsier thanked everyone for the time spent on the University plan and for trying to make UA a better place. He expressed pride in the work and level of shared governance exhibited during the process.</p> <p>2. He wished everyone a happy holiday season.</p>
3:10 – 3:15	<p style="text-align: center;">PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH PROCESS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">PHIL ALLEN</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>The following motion was made: The University Council Executive Committee fully supports the Board of Trustees’ proposal for a new Presidential search process, as it represents a significant step forward in shared governance at The University of Akron. The proposal expands the Presidential search committee to include the elected leaders of University constituency groups throughout the selection process, and by maintaining confidentiality we should be able to attract the broadest range of individuals to be our next president. We move that UC vote in favor of endorsing this proposal by the Board of Trustees. The motion to endorse carried by a secret ballot vote of 16 in favor and 2 opposed.</p>
3:15 – 3:44	<p style="text-align: center;">THREE-YEAR ACTION PLAN</p> <p style="text-align: right;">PHIL ALLEN</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>Aimee deChambeau presented the attached University of Akron Continuous Planning Cycle and the following were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cycle will begin in January 2019 after the adoption of the University Plan • It runs parallel to the attached Continuous Planning and Budgetary Process • A preliminary update of the University Plan will be presented at the Oct. UC and FS meetings • The final draft of the University Plan will be presented at the Nov. UC and FS meetings; UC will vote on endorsement • The final draft of the University Plan will go to the Board in Dec. <p>Three-Year Action Plan discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty Senate Chair Linda Saliga commented that Faculty Senate discussed the Three-Year Action Plan and there is concern about the vagueness of the plan and they want to make sure it is implemented through shared governance processes. The academic revisions they suggested were made to the draft brought to UC for endorsement. Faculty do not disapprove of the plan. • The change to 120 credits for bachelor’s degrees is in the plan because it is a state mandate and it will reduce costs to students and time to graduation. • Four-year degrees offered at Wayne College and satellite campuses will be in coordination with main campus departments. <p>The following motion was made: The University of Akron’s Three-Year Action Plan is the result of an inclusive, University-wide process that generated hundreds of actionable suggestions and recommendations to advance the University. The consistent themes contained within the unit-level plans from the deans and the vice presidents are reflected in the University’s overall draft plan. The plan was reviewed by numerous constituencies throughout the University and those comments were considered as part of the final draft that has been presented to University Council for its endorsement.</p>

	<p>Accordingly, the University Council Executive Committee recommends that the full University Council endorse this plan, which will be presented by the President to the UA Board of Trustees for final action at its December 5, 2018 meeting.</p> <p>The motion to endorse carried by a secret ballot vote of 15 in favor and 3 opposed.</p>
3:44 – 4:06	<p style="text-align: center;">INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE IN-DEPTH STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT</p> <p style="text-align: right;">JULIA SPIKER STEVE KAUFMAN</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>Julia Spiker, chair, presented the attached committee goals and the following were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are continuing to work on the Scholarship Toolkit, which is housed in Brightspace, of best practices for those in colleges/departments who process scholarship applications. The committee wants to finalize the site by the end of the fiscal year. • They will develop a marketing campaign to improve the ways students are made aware of scholarship in an effort to reduce the number of unawarded scholarships. • They will improve searchability of the UA Development Scholarship webpage to help students research available scholarships. They will also develop a messaging campaign to help colleges and other university units become aware of the website. <p>Steve Kauffman presented the Scholarship Toolkit site that is located in Brightspace. The scholarship process is not changing. The information in the toolkit will help departments meet scholarship deadlines and be more competitive with scholarship awards.</p> <p>The Scholarship Toolkit includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How scholarships are awarded and deadlines • Scholarship cap information • Best practices • Frequently asked questions • Discussion forums <p>Anyone who would like access to the Scholarship Toolkit should contact Steve Kaufman at skauffman@uakron.edu.</p>
4:06 – 4:10	<p style="text-align: center;">COMMITTEE REPORTS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMMITTEE CHAIRS</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>Budget and Finance: No report.</p> <p>Communications: They are finalizing goals. A social media communication effort to inform students of the Student Emergency Financial Assistant (SEFA) program is underway. The committee will report back to UC.</p> <p>Informational Technology: They are working on goals and discussing a topic brought to them from outside UC. The UC chair asked the committee to provide information about the new software that will replace PeopleSoft.</p> <p>Physical Environment: They approved a space allocation form for an Urban STEM Education Center in the LeBron James College of Education.</p> <p>Recreation and Wellness: No report</p> <p>Student Engagement and Success: Kevin Rushing has been invited to the next meeting to discuss student billing deadlines.</p> <p>Talent Development and Human Resources: They are discussing the leave bank policy and the tuition remission for professional development topic submission.</p>

	<p>Ad hoc Awards Committee: No report.</p> <p>Ad hoc Human Development Committee: They are continuing to explore ways to create opportunities for adults on campus, such as specialized workshops.</p> <p>Ad hoc Textbook Committee: No report.</p> <p>Ad hoc Web Accessibility Committee: No report.</p>
4:10 – 4:10	<p style="text-align: center;">NEW BUSINESS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">PHIL ALLEN</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m. by unanimous consent.</p>