# University Council

**MINUTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 11, 2018**  
**3 – 4:05 PM**  
**STUDENT UNION 312**

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<th>MEETING CALLED BY</th>
<th>Harvey Sterns, chair</th>
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<td>TYPE OF MEETING</td>
<td>Monthly Meeting</td>
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<td>PRESIDER</td>
<td>Harvey Sterns, outgoing chair and Philip Allen, incoming chair</td>
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<td>Kim Haverkamp</td>
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### ATTENDEES

**Member:** Julie Cajigas, Marjorie Hartleben  
**Absent with notice:** Julie Cajigas, Marjorie Hartleben  
**Absent without notice:** Kris Nakoneczny, Néna Roy  
**Other attendees:** Roland Bauer, Kelly Herold, Wayne Hill, Sarah Kelly, John McDonald, Nathan Mortimer, Dave Nypaver, John Reilly, Shiva Sastry, Julia Spiker, Joshua Thomas, Joette Dignan Weir

### Agenda topics:

#### 3:00 – 3:04  CALL TO ORDER  
**HARVEY STERNS**

**DISCUSSION**

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 discussed the importance of shared governance and encouraged members to actively participate. He thanked the members for the opportunity to serve.

3. The chair asked for additions or corrections to the August 21 University Council minutes. There being none, the minutes were approved as distributed by unanimous consent.

#### 3:04 – 3:10  EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT  
**HARVEY STERNS**

**DISCUSSION**

1. The chair reviewed the attached [August 28 UC Executive Committee minutes](#).

2. The chair reflected on September 11th terrorist attacks.

#### 3:10 – 3:14  PRESIDENT’S REMARKS  
**JOHN GREEN**

**DISCUSSION**

The strategic planning process is beginning. The following people have been selected to serve on the Strategic Planning Steering Committee:

- Dr. Aimée deChambeau, dean of University Libraries – co-chair
- Dr. Chand Midha, executive dean of the Graduate School – co-chair
- Dr. Linda Sailga, professor of mathematics and chair of Faculty Senate
- Dr. Kristine Kraft, associate professor and interim director of the School of Allied Health Technology
- Stephanie Kiba, assistant director of Academic Advisement, representing CPAC
- Pamela Duncan, administrative assistant, senior, representing SEAC
- Taylor Bennington, president of Undergraduate Student Government


The following were discussed:

- The Steering Committee will determine the parameters, timelines and develop templates for the strategic plan.
- The planning process will begin on Oct. 1; it will begin at the unit level.
- The planning process will move quickly so it can be used to help develop the FY2020 budget; goal is to have a draft completed in early December.
- The Academic Program Review (APR) and Administrative Activities Review (AAR) will provide much of the data for the plan.
- The Steering Committee will provide updates to University Council and Faculty Senate throughout the process.

**3:14 – 3:18** PROVOST’S REMARKS

REX RAMSIER

The following were discussed:

- There has been no official decision regarding Stark State’s proposal of a bachelor degree in accounting; we anticipate that opposition will be successful.
- We are developing a dual admission/enrollment agreement with Stark State and continue to work with them as a partner institution; we will use the same model to develop agreements with other NE Ohio Compact schools.
- Per the census numbers, the 7% decline in overall enrollment met projections and was expected due to:
  - Implementing the admission standards for new students and deferring those not adequately prepared to either Wayne College or a local community college.
  - Low enrollment in our out of state market; we have a new plan to correct this for fall 2019.
- The freshman class is highly prepared with an average GPA of 3.50 and average ACT score of 23.0.
- We expect the Administrative Activities Review (AAR) to be completed within the next couple of weeks.

**3:18 – 3:28** ELECTIONS

HARVEY STERNES

1. The chair asked for nominations for the position of chair and nominees made a statement of intent. **Phil Allen was elected chair** by a secret ballot vote.

   Election Results:
   - Phil Allen, 8
   - Taylor Bennington, 6

2. The chair asked for nominations for the position of vice chair. **Ruth Nine-Duff was elected vice chair** by a secret ballot vote.

   Election Results:
   - Ruth Nine-Duff, 9
   - Kris Kraft, 4

Phil Allen presided over the remainder of the meeting.

**3:40 – 3:55** PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE IN-DEPTH STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

NATHAN MORTIMER

STEVE MYERS

Nathan Mortimer and Steve Myers discussed the attached [Capital Projects Update PowerPoint Presentation](#).
The following were discussed:

- Most of the money to maintain infrastructure comes from state capital money, which is awarded on a two-year cycle
- If anyone is interested in the status of capital projects, Nathan referred them to the Capital Projects Report prepared for the Board of Trustees
- The following properties were razed for green space: Trecaso, Wheeler Street Residence, Grant Street Residence and Townhomes, Plasma Center; Vine Street Apartments will be razed in Fall 2018
- Working with a developer to turn Martin Center into a boutique hotel at no cost to the University
- Working to get permission to transfer titles of Ballet Center and Heisman Lodge to interested parties
- The Board of Trustees created a Safety and Facilities Special Committee to discuss safety concerns south of Exchange Street; the following have been implemented
  - Replacement of streetlights
  - Shift UAPD resources from day to night patrol; State Highway Patrol was brought closer to campus for a greater presence
  - Clean up brush for increased visibility from tennis courts to campus
- Topic Submissions are in progress: Water fountains, renewable energy and gender neutral restrooms
- Announced that 25% of our electricity will now come from green sources
- Space Allocations
- Project Updates
  - CBA North Addition is projected to be completed in May 2019
  - Institute for Human Science and Culture is in progress at the Roadway Building
  - Shared FY 2019-2020 Biennium allocation from State and where the funds will be used

The following questions were discussed:

- There is not a plan for classroom renovations (paint, furniture, etc.); we are focusing resources on the core of campus (Ayer and Crouse).
- It is too expensive to fix the ASB parking lot; we are looking at other possibilities
- Uneven concrete walkways and uneven bricks on Buchtel Common are addressed as we find them
- There is no plan to add charging stations for electric cars at this time

### 3:58 – 4:05 COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Budget and Finance:** No report. Phil Allen offered they are working on a revised budget process to bring back to UC for consideration.

**Communications:** No report.

**Informational Technology:** No report. Will meet soon to convene for the semester.

**Institutional Advancement:** No report.

**Recreation and Wellness:** positions are filled. They are working on the food insecurity survey and the Student Union food pantry. Officers were elected and goals set for the year.

**Student Engagement and Success:** They will conduct elections at the next meeting.
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<td><strong>Ad hoc Awards Committee:</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Ad hoc Human Development Committee:</strong></td>
<td>They have a list of suggested sites for child care available to share, but UA does not have its own yet. FLO (Flexible Learning Options) are on hold, limiting the committee’s focus on nontraditional learners at this time. Working to make sure UA is welcoming to adults and to identify initiatives at UA that meet Age Friendly University criteria.</td>
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<td><strong>Ad hoc Textbook Committee:</strong></td>
<td>They are helping the Office of Academic Affairs complete the FY18 Affordability and Efficiency Report. Textbook committee will look into special publisher programs instituted this fall, allowing students day one access to many titles for one low fee. Students may need to know more about the process, particularly billing. Faculty should also be involved in spreading the message to students.</td>
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<td><strong>Ad hoc Web Accessibility Committee:</strong></td>
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**4:05 – 4:05 NEW BUSINESS**

**DISCUSSION**

Dr. Midha recognized the outgoing chair, Harvey Sterns, and thanked him for his service to the University Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m. by unanimous consent.