

# University Council

MINUTES

JANUARY 15, 2019

3 – 4:20 PM

STUDENT UNION 312

MEETING CALLED BY	Phil Allen, chair	
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Meeting	
PRESIDER	Phil Allen, chair	
NOTE TAKER	Kim Haverkamp	
ATTENDEES	<p><b>Member:</b> Philip Allen, Linda Barrett, Taylor Bennington, Julie Cajigas, Hailey Cargill, Jeanette Carson, Katie Cerrone, Tonia Ferrell, Alec Gerred, Brittany Hartman, Paul Levy, Mary Jo MacCracken, Allen Mathis, Chand Midha, Kris Nakoneczny, Ruth Nine-Duff, Rex Ramsier, Julia Spiker, Harvey Sterns, Shawn Stevens</p> <p><b>Absent with notice:</b> Ed Evans, John Green, Marjorie Hartleben, Kristine Kraft, Linda Saliga</p> <p><b>Absent without notice:</b> Lynn Lucas, Jonah Pichette</p> <p><b>Other attendees:</b> Andrew Adolph, Celeste Cook, Wayne Hill, Jolene Lane, John MacDonald, John Messina, Stephen Myers, John Reilly, Veronica Tomasko, Joette Dignan Weir</p>	
Agenda topics:		
3:00 – 3:02	CALL TO ORDER	PHIL ALLEN
DISCUSSION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>The chair asked for additions or corrections to the December 4 University Council minutes. The minutes were approved as distributed by unanimous consent.</li> </ol>	
3:02 – 3:05	CHAIR’S REMARKS	PHIL ALLEN
DISCUSSION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The State of the University Address will be delivered by Interim President Green this Friday, Jan. 18, at 10 a.m. in the Jean Hower Taber Student Union Theater. All were invited to attend and asked to RSVP via a link available on the UA website as space is limited at this time.</li> <li>The Presidential Advisory and Screening Committee will meet to discuss the presidential search on Friday, Jan. 25, at 10:30 a.m. in the Jean Hower Taber Student Union, room 316. Please submit your questions to Phil Allen, <a href="mailto:paallen@uakron.edu">paallen@uakron.edu</a> or Celeste Cook, <a href="mailto:mcook@uakron.edu">mcook@uakron.edu</a>. UC members are welcome to attend as space permits.</li> </ol>	
3:05 – 3:05	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT	PHIL ALLEN
DISCUSSION	The December 11 UC Executive Committee meeting was cancelled.	
3:05 – 3:20	PROVOST’S REMARKS	REX RAMSIER
DISCUSSION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enrollment is tracking according to our projection. We need to keep working on retention and persistence.</li> </ol>	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. There is a new policy on student dismissal. An undergraduate student whose cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 for two consecutive semesters will be evaluated for dismissal or retention. After three consecutive semesters they will be dismissed from the University.</li> <li>3. The company that provides health insurance benefits to students, Student Educational Benefit Trust (SEBT), abruptly went out of business in late December. This coverage is required for all international students and is an elective coverage for domestic students. There will be open forums on this topic soon.</li> <li>4. The U.S. Department of Education will hold sessions in Jan., Feb. and March to discuss possible changes to rules affecting higher education. The following issues are being discussed and any changes to the bill will have big ramifications for higher education: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Eliminate the definition of credit hour</li> <li>b. Change definition of distance delivery</li> <li>c. Increase the percentage of curriculum that can be outsourced to a third-party</li> <li>d. Eliminate state authorization for online delivery</li> <li>e. Overhaul of the accreditation system, including the removal of the distinction between regional and national bodies, and limiting regional accrediting bodies to no more than 10 states</li> </ol>           Provost Ramsier will be watching these developments closely.         </li> <li>5. Provost Ramsier hopes to see everyone at the State of the University address.</li> </ol>
3:20 – 3:42	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE IN-DEPTH STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">JULIE CAJIGAS</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>Julie Cajigas, chair, presented the attached PowerPoint about the <a href="#">committee goals</a> and the following were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Emergency Financial Assistance (SEFA) grant</li> <li>• Student Survey regarding SEFA and ZipAssist</li> <li>• Social Media Campaign</li> </ul> <p>Graduate students are not eligible for the SEFA grant. There are other resources through ZipAssist that can help graduate students.</p> <p>The Communication Committee will continue to develop traditional and social tactics for the SEFA grant through its final semester, Spring 2019.</p>
3:42 – 3:55	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COMMITTEE REPORTS</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>COMMITTEE CHAIRS</b></p>
DISCUSSION	<p><b>Budget and Finance:</b> No report.</p> <p><b>Institutional Advancement:</b> No report.</p> <p><b>Informational Technology:</b> They are continuing to discuss their goals.</p> <p><b>Physical Environment:</b> They held officer elections and have a new chair (Shawn Stevens) and vice chair (Pam Brandenstein). Issues with timing and sequencing of pedestrian crossing at Buchtel Ave. and College St. Steve Myers talked to the city traffic engineer to find out what can be done to make it safer for students, faculty and visitors to cross, particularly at night. Locking Systems is providing faculty with access to the bridge over the street for safety purposes. No space allocation forms were reviewed in the past month. The committee received updates on existing campus projects at the meeting. The committee heard a presentation on recycling and will bring the presentation to a future UC meeting.</p>

	<p><b>Recreation and Wellness:</b> They are continuing to work on utilization of the campus cupboard and they are discussing wellness opportunities for employees.</p> <p><b>Student Engagement and Success:</b> They invited guest speakers to provide them with information relevant to their goals.</p> <p><b>Talent Development and Human Resources:</b> They are continuing to work on the Leave Bank Policy and will have a report at next UC meeting.</p> <p><b>Ad hoc Awards Committee:</b> The chair discussed the attached <a href="#">University of Akron Achievement Awards Resolution</a> and the committee recommends that the awards be rejoined with the Founder’s Day Celebration hosted by Alumni Affairs (see the full recommendation in the attached resolution). There was a motion to adopt the resolution. <b>The motion carried</b> by a secret ballot vote of 16 in favor and 1 opposed.</p> <p><b>Ad hoc Human Development Committee:</b> No report.</p> <p><b>Ad hoc Textbook Committee:</b> No report.</p> <p><b>Ad hoc Web Accessibility Committee:</b> No report.</p>
3:55 – 4:20	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEW BUSINESS</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>PHIL ALLEN</b></p>
DISCUSSION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allen Mathis, GSG Representative, discussed the difficulties graduate students and undergraduate students over 26 have had since the health insurance company, Student Educational Benefit Trust (SEBT), went out of business. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The following were discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students over 26 are not eligible to stay on their parent’s insurance</li> <li>• Students were referred to SEBT by UA</li> <li>• Students were notified of the closing via email on Dec. 31, many students thought the email was a phishing attempt and didn’t know they lost coverage</li> <li>• UA did not have a list of the domestic students affected (UA had list of international students because they are required to have coverage)</li> <li>• Healthcare.gov has a long enrollment process</li> <li>• Students making under \$16,000 can get Medicaid; long enrollment process</li> <li>• Many domestic students still do not have healthcare coverage</li> </ul> </li> <li>The following suggestions were made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students are asking for communication from UA</li> <li>• Find out what other universities that were affected by the closing are doing</li> <li>• Can the consultant group that helps UA with employee insurance help with student insurance?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m. by unanimous consent.</li> </ol>