

University Council

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 12, 2019

3 – 4:15 PM

STUDENT UNION 312

MEETING CALLED BY	Ruth Nine-Duff, chair
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Meeting
PRESIDER	Ruth Nine-Duff, chair
NOTE TAKER	Kim Haverkamp
ATTENDEES	<p>Member: Phil Allen, Linda Barrett, Jared Brown, Ann Bruno, Jeanette Carson, Ed Evans, Tonia Ferrell, Marjorie Hartleben, Brittany Hartman, Kristine Kraft, Paul Levy, Mary Jo MacCracken, Kris Nakoneczny, Ruth Nine-Duff, Mark Okocha, Dane Quinn, Linda Saliga, Shiva Sastry, Tiffany Schmidt, Julia Spiker, Amanda Stefin, Shawn Stevens, Joe Urgo</p> <p>Absent with notice: Arnob Banik, Katie Cerrone, Gary Miller, Isaiah Smith</p> <p>Absent without notice: None</p> <p>Other attendees: Andrew Adolph, Celeste Cook, Mike Dowling, Annie Hanson-Hillaire, Jolene Lane, John MacDonald, John Messina, Nathan Mortimer, John Roncone, Harvey Sterns, Eric Veigel, Joette Dignan Weir</p>
Agenda topics:	
3:00 – 3:03	CALL TO ORDER RUTH NINE-DUFF
DISCUSSION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The chair called the meeting to order and asked for additions or revisions to the agenda. President Miller was unable to attend. The agenda was approved as revised by unanimous consent. The chair asked for additions or corrections to the Oct. 8 University Council minutes. There being none, the minutes were approved as distributed by unanimous consent.
3:03 – 3:10	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT RUTH NINE DUFF
DISCUSSION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Student Healthcare Insurance: Matt Beavan received a quote for the domestic students beginning January 1. He is reviewing the quote with the broker and will provide UC with an update soon. Leave Bank: 1,608 hours were donated to the leave bank when it began in July. The open enrollment period for donations closed on Nov. 10. Phil Allen will replace Harvey Sterns on the Sesquicentennial Steering Committee as a UC representative. Harvey Sterns will continue on the Steering Committee as chair of the Academic Excellence Committee.

	<p>4. The attached UC Satisfaction Survey results are posted on the UC website. The UCEC reviewed the results and the following will be implemented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A link will be added to the UC website to allow continuous feedback/suggestions for improvement • An orientation will be developed for the September UC meeting • Guest speakers will be invited to meetings for informative discussions. The following suggestions were made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Robyn Brown, International Center ○ Kim Cole, Advancement ○ Ali Doebling, ZipAssist ○ Bill Krauss, Enrollment Management ○ Rex Ramsier, HLC/other ○ Larry Williams, Athletics ○ Adult Focus ○ EXL Center <p>5. Committee annual reports and goals are posted on the UC website.</p>
3:10 – 3:20	<p>PROVOST'S REMARKS</p> <p>JOE URGO</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>The following were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Uργο and his wife Lesley moved to Akron, her hometown, a year ago for retirement. Dr. Uργο worked with Dr. Miller at the University of Mississippi. • Dr. Uργο discussed his academic background, see attached biography and vita located on the OAA website. • All universities are facing the same problems, but one must understand the local situation before a solution can be found. Dr. Miller is starting with the strategic planning process. • His three high-level goals are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Restore the pleasure of and confidence in shared governance ○ Restore a high-functioning Provost Office – the main function is faculty advocacy and the office should be a source of advice, counsel, direction, support and opportunity ○ Support the development of a Strategic Plan that defines UA as a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Research University – great implications for faculty careers and pedagogy ▪ Urban University – be a school of opportunity and inclusion, not selectivity
3:20 – 3:40	<p>SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION</p> <p>ANNIE HANSON-HILLAIRE</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>The following were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annie thanked the UC members who are serving on the Sesquicentennial Steering Committee and working committees • This is a campus celebration of the 150th anniversary of UA's founding, our strong foundation and traditions and the success of our faculty, staff and students • The celebration will begin in late spring 2020 and run through spring 2021 • The following working groups have been created: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Academic Excellence: Develop ways for colleges to tell their stories; organize a parade of colleges in April 2020 Chair: Harvey Sterns, hsterns@uakron.edu ○ Marketing and Branding: Develop consistent messaging and determine ways to feel the celebration across campus Chair: Sarah Steidl, sarah45@uakron.edu

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Special Events: Develop ways to incorporate the celebration in existing events; organize a gala at the John S. Knight Center on Oct. 10, 2020 Chair: Willy Kollman, wrk1@uakron.edu ○ Campus Programming: Work with athletics, Greek Life and student organizations Chair: Thad Doyle, tmdoyle@uakron.edu ○ Historical Commemoration: Ensure facts and figures are accurate, create historical exhibits and physical timelines across campus; Hail We Akron book published in Spring 2020 Chair: Vic Fleischer, svfleis@uakron.edu ○ Community Engagement: Create ways for faculty, staff and students to give back to our community; track 150,000 hours of community service <p>Dave Lieberth, Akron's retired deputy mayor, will teach an online course on UA history and host discussions to incorporate personal experiences.</p> <p>UC members were asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spread the word and determine ways you, your unit/department and/or your students can help support the celebration • Use the Sesquicentennial logo in your email signature <p>Please contact Annie Hanson-Hillaire, ach13@uakron.edu, with questions/suggestions.</p>
3:40 – 3:58	<p>IN-DEPTH REPORT BUDGET AND FINANCE</p> <p>NATHAN MORTIMER AND SHIVA SASTRY</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>CFO Mortimer discussed the attached presentation of the following CFO initiatives to UC Budget and Finance from July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY18 Budgets • FY19 Budgets • Budget Flow Chart • FY20 Budgets • Debt Refinance • University and Foundation Property Matters • VRIP, TARP and VSRP • University Banking and Investment • PCard Provider • Outsourced Chief Investment Officer • Vehicles and Equipment • Akron Tuition Guarantee <p>Chair Sastry discussed the attached presentation of the following committee goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and support FY21 budget planning process • Track and Analyze financial impacts over most recent three years, i.e., revenue and expenditure changes, of recent policy changes • Athletics target of \$8M to be offset from General Fund in 3 years <p>Policy recommendations will be brought to University Council.</p>
3:58 – 4:00	<p>COMMITTEE REPORTS</p> <p>RUTH NINE-DUFF</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>The attached committee reports were submitted for UC review prior to the meeting. There were no questions concerning committee reports.</p>

DISCUSSION

1. Secretary Ferrell discussed the attached [UC Bylaws proposal](#) (pgs. 9-10) to change the ad hoc Awards Committee to a Special Committee on Awards and Recognition. The special committee will report to the UC Executive Committee.

The following changes will be made to the proposed Bylaws language:

- Change the word subcommittee to special committee throughout section
- Remove Chief Academic Officer

UC will vote on the Bylaws proposal at the Dec. 3 UC meeting.

2. John Roncone, Vice Chair of the Recreation and Wellness Committee, discussed the attached presentation of the [RooFit to Get Fit Wellness Program](#). The following were discussed:

- The wellness program has been done previously at Wayne Campus
- RooFit will be an annual wellness program for main and Wayne campuses
- John MacDonald and Kris Kraft will coordinate the kickoff on January 24, 2020
- Gift cards will be purchased with the registration fees
- The Office of General Counsel has been consulted

The following motion was made:

The University Council Recreation and Wellness Committee is seeking a motion of support from University Council for the RooFit to Get Fit Wellness Program.

The motion carried by a secret ballot vote of 18 in favor and 0 opposed.

3. The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m. by unanimous consent.