

University Council

MINUTES

MARCH 12, 2019

3 – 3:55 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>Member: Philip Allen, Linda Barrett, Taylor Bennington, Anne Bruno, Julie Cajigas, Jeanette Carson, Katie Cerrone, Tonia Ferrell, Alec Gerred, John Green, Marjorie Hartleben, Brittany Hartman, Paul Levy, Mary Jo MacCracken, Allen Mathis, Chand Midha, Ruth Nine-Duff, Jonah Pichette, Rex Ramsier, Linda Saliga, Harvey Sterns, Shawn Stevens</p> <p>Absent with notice: Ed Evans, Kristine Kraft, Kris Nakoneczny, Julia Spiker</p> <p>Absent without notice: Hailey Cargill</p> <p>Other attendees: Andrew Adolph, Kim Cole, Sarah Kelly, John MacDonald, John Messina, Stephen Myers, John Reilly, Joette Dignan Weir</p>	
Agenda topics:		
3:00 – 3:05	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. Provost Ramsier will give his remarks after the chair’s remarks. The agenda was approved as revised by unanimous consent. The chair asked for additions or corrections to the February 12 University Council minutes. The minutes were approved as distributed by unanimous consent. 	
3:02 – 3:03	CHAIR’S REMARKS	PHIL ALLEN
DISCUSSION	The chair applauds President Green’s decision to implement a pause in the current discussion concerning the reorganization proposals.	
3:03 – 3:10	PROVOST’S REMARKS	REX RAMSIER
DISCUSSION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Provost Ramsier is meeting with candidates for multiple faculty positions and is impressed with the high quality of the candidates. So far, we have filled about 8 of the 31 openings. After due diligence, including significant input from students, Fall Commencement will continue with two ceremonies in December. The U.S. Department of Education held sessions to discuss possible changes to rules affecting higher education. The following is an update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No longer considering limiting regional accrediting bodies to no more than 10 states, which would mean no disruption to HLC who provides accreditation to UA Still considering increasing the percentage (from 50 to up to 75 percent) of curriculum for a degree program that can be outsourced to a third-party Continuing to discuss the definition of credit hour, including limiting it to only clock hours spent in the classroom 	

	4. Fall applications are down, but confirmations are up compared to the same time last year. We denied fewer applications compared to the same time last year, indicating we are holding fast to academic standards and increasing academic reputation. We should see an increase in confirmations from Senior Visit Day, held on March 8.
3:10 – 3:26	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT PHIL ALLEN
DISCUSSION	<p>1. The chair discussed the attached Executive Committee minutes from the February 19 UCEC meeting.</p> <p>2. A response was received from President Green regarding computer kiosks in public areas of University buildings. The recommendation that was endorsed by UC on February 12 will be implemented by Information Technology Services.</p> <p>3. The attached Sick Leave Bank Policy proposal was discussed. The UC Executive Committee made a motion to endorse the policy proposal. The motion carried by a secret ballot vote of 16 in favor and 1 opposed.</p>
3:26 – 3:42	PRESIDENT’S REMARKS JOHN GREEN
DISCUSSION	<p>President Green discussed the revised reorganizational proposals with Faculty Senate.</p> <p>Discussions with deans, chairs and faculty have revealed that many people on campus understand the gravity, scope and nature of our challenges and have ideas on how we can achieve the objectives in the proposals expeditiously without an academic reorganization. There will be a pause in the reorganization discussion for six months to collectively establish meaningful ways to meet the objectives.</p> <p>Provost Ramsier will lead the effort to identify areas of importance and set achievable, realistic goals to make progress. If we are unable to achieve the objectives during the next six months, we will need to revisit the reorganization proposals.</p>
IN-DEPTH STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT	
DISCUSSION	The Recreation and Wellness Committee in-depth report was rescheduled for the May 7 UC meeting.
3:42 – 3:55	COMMITTEE REPORTS COMMITTEE CHAIRS
DISCUSSION	<p>Budget and Finance: No report.</p> <p>Communications: The Student Emergency Financial Assistance (SEFA) grant is ending. The Department of Development and ZipAssist are looking for donors to help the students who would get assistance from the SEFA grant.</p> <p>The committee is planning to ask faculty, staff and contract professionals for small donations to the Family Helping Family Fund. This fund will provide assistance to students in lieu of the SEFA grant.</p> <p>Heather Walter, vice chair, will assume the chair duties while Julie Cajigas is on maternity leave.</p> <p>Information Technology: No report.</p>

	<p>Institutional Advancement: No report.</p> <p>Physical Environment: No report.</p> <p>Recreation and Wellness: No report.</p> <p>Student Engagement and Success: The committee met with Brandon Mikulski and Bill Torgler to discuss the Akron Experience class and the impact on student success.</p> <p>Talent Development and Human Resources Committee: The committee received a thank you from a nursing mother after the nursing mother’s locations were publicized.</p> <p>Ad hoc Awards Committee: The committee is reviewing award nominations.</p> <p>Ad hoc Human Development Committee: The City of Akron is part of the WHO AARP Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities. Harvey Sterns will co-chair the Advisory Council. The University of Akron will coordinate the community assessment during the first year. This fulfills a commitment to being an Age-Friendly University. Harvey Sterns reviewed the principles related to the Age Friendly University initiative.</p> <p>Ad hoc Textbook Committee: No report.</p> <p>Ad hoc Web Accessibility Committee: No report.</p>
3:55 – 3:55	<p style="text-align: center;">NEW BUSINESS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">PHIL ALLEN</p>
DISCUSSION	The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m. by unanimous consent.