University Council

MINUTES   APRIL 9, 2019   3 – 4:00 PM   STUDENT UNION 312

MEETING CALLED BY	Phil Allen, chair
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Meeting
PRESIDER	Phil Allen, chair
NOTE TAKER	Kim Haverkamp
ATTENDEES	**Member:** Philip Allen, Linda Barrett, Katie Cerrone, Tonia Ferrell, Alec Gerred, Brittany Hartman, Kristine Kraft, Paul Levy, Mary Jo MacCracken, Allen Mathis, Chand Midha, Kris Nakoneczny, Ruth Nine-Duff, Jonah Pichette, Rex Ramsier, Linda Saliga Julia Spiker, Harvey Sterns, Shawn Stevens **Absent with notice:** Taylor Bennington, Julie Cajigas, Jeanette Carson, Ed Evans, John Green, Marjorie Hartleben **Absent without notice:** Hailey Cargill **Other attendees:** Wayne Hill, Neal L'Amoreaux, John MacDonald, John Messina, John Reilly, Anthony Serpette, Heather Walter

Agenda topics:

3:00 – 3:05   CALL TO ORDER   PHIL ALLEN

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 asked for additions or corrections to the March 12 University Council minutes. The minutes were approved as distributed by unanimous consent.

3:05 – 3:10   CHAIR'S REMARKS   PHIL ALLEN

DISCUSSION	1. Free speech on college campuses in the U.S. has become a hot topic. President Green asked University Council and Faculty Senate to establish an ad hoc committee to consider adopting a freedom of speech policy based on the attached University of Chicago Freedom of Expression policy. Chair Allen discussed the highlighted paragraphs on page 2. University Council will work with Faculty Senate and bring a proposed policy to UC for endorsement. 2. Faculty Senate, University Council and Akron-AAUP are co-sponsoring a lecture, Free Speech on Campus: Know Your Rights, on April 10 from 3 - 5 p.m. in Student Union 335. The lecture is free and open to the public.

3:10 – 3:15   EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT   PHIL ALLEN

DISCUSSION	1. The chair discussed the attached Executive Committee Minutes from the March 19 UCEC meeting.

	2. The Voluntary Separation or Retirement Plan (VSRP) was offered to approximately 720 full-time faculty members. The Transition After Retirement Program (TARP) is still an option, but not in combination with VSRP. The Phased Retirement Program is available for Contract Professional and staff employees. 3. President Green distributed an article from the Dayton Daily News detailing financial difficulties and planned budget cuts at Miami University to University Council, Faculty Senate and Department Chairs/School Directors.
3:15 – 3:25 PROVOST'S REMARKS	REX RAMSIER

DISCUSSION	The following were discussed:
	1. We are continuing with faculty interviews. We are currently interviewing for a director of Institutional Research and a co-director of the School of Dance, Theatre, and Arts Administration.
	
	2. The Board of Trustees Rules Committee will consider the Leave Bank Program that was endorsed by University Council. If approved, it will be put on the consent agenda for the April 10 BOT meeting.
	
	3. The following is an update on the U.S. Department of Education discussion of rules affecting higher education:
	   • No longer considering changing the definition of credit hour
	   • No longer considering increasing the percentage of curriculum for a degree program that can be outsourced to a third-party
	
	The interaction between faculty and students in an online environment is being discussed. Instructors must provide direct instruction in a synchronous environment, facilitate discussions and offer feedback on assignments.
	
	4. Enrollment Update: Fall applications are down, confirmations are up and denials are down compared to the same time last year.

3:25 – 3:40 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN-DEPTH STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT	LINDA BARRETT

DISCUSSION	Linda Barrett, chair, presented the attached PowerPoint about committee goals and the following were discussed:
	   • Identity management
	   • Laptop refresh
	   • Footprints Help Desk system
	   • IT website
	   • Lab Portal implementation
	   • Network storage space
	   • Kiosks in campus public areas
	
	The Desktop and Laptop Computer Refresh Program will be considered by the Board of Trustees at the April 10 meeting. If approved, the Refresh Program will begin in April.
	
	The following suggestions were made:
	   • Add a legal liability statement when users sign in
	   • Make two-level authentication mandatory for all computers on the network

| DISCUSSION | **Budget and Finance:** No report.

Communications: They are continuing to work with the Student Emergency Finance Assistance (SEFA) grant.

Institutional Advancement: They are working to finalize the scholarship site in Brightspace.

Physical Environment: They approved a space allocation form to repurpose space in Olin Hall from an open office to a departmental classroom. Jared Coleman discussed the data collection on campus intersections. The data will be forwarded to the City of Akron Traffic Engineer.

Recreation and Wellness: No report.

Student Engagement and Success: They are continuing to work on reforming the first year experience committee.

Talent Development and Human Resources: They are continuing to work on workforce training solutions.

Ad hoc Awards Committee: The award winners have been selected and communication is going out to all nominees. The awards will be presented at the Founder's Day luncheon on May 3.

Ad hoc Human Development Committee: They are continuing to work with the City of Akron on the WHO AARP Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities. President Green will participate in a kick-off press conference on May 23. Thank you to Wayne Hill for helping to develop a logo for the initiative.

Ad hoc Textbook Committee: They are working with University Libraries to review grant proposal submitted by faculty adopting open resource textbooks and materials for the next academic year. More information is available at www.uakron.edu/affordablelearning/apply.

Ad hoc Web Accessibility Committee: Anthony Serpette, chair, discussed the attached proposed Web Accessibility Policy. For this policy, web accessibility will cover content accessed through a web browser either on a desktop/laptop or mobile devise.

The following revision was made to Process for Implementation (see page 2):
1. The Department of Purchasing and the Office of General Counsel will include ~~review for compliance with~~ accessibility requirements in any new agreements related to UA's web resources.

There was a motion to endorse the proposed policy as revised. **The motion carried** by a secret ballot vote of 17 in favor and 0 opposed. |

| 4:00 – 4:00 | NEW BUSINESS | PHIL ALLEN |

| DISCUSSION | The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. by unanimous consent. |