

University Council Special Meeting

MINUTES

MAY 28, 2019

3 – 4:10 PM

STUDENT UNION 312

MEETING CALLED BY	Phil Allen, chair
TYPE OF MEETING	Special Meeting
PRESIDER	Phil Allen, chair
NOTE TAKER	Kim Haverkamp
ATTENDEES	<p>Member: Philip Allen, Linda Barrett, Ed Evans, Tonia Ferrell, John Green, Marjorie Hartleben, Brittany Hartman, Kristine Kraft, Paul Levy, Mary Jo MacCracken, Chand Midha, Kris Nakoneczny, Ruth Nine-Duff, Mark Okocha, Linda Saliga, Julia Spiker, Harvey Sterns, Shawn Stevens</p> <p>Absent with notice: Anne Bruno, Julie Cajigas, Jeanette Carson, Katie Cerrone, Isaiah Smith</p> <p>Absent without notice: None</p> <p>Other attendees: Celeste Cook, Wayne Hill, Jolene Lane, John MacDonald, John Messina, Nathan Mortimer</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. There being none, the agenda was approved as distributed by unanimous consent. The chair reminded UC members that University Council and the standing committees meet year round per the UC Bylaws.
3:10 – 4:00	FY20 BUDGETS PHIL ALLEN/ NATHAN MORTIMER
DISCUSSION	<p>Phil Allen discussed the following UC Budget and Finance Committee endorsement. The committee thinks that Athletics should not draw from the general fund. University Council Budget and Finance endorses the proposed FY20 General Fund, Auxiliaries, and Sales budgets with the following reservation. Based upon the changes made thus far by Athletics, we are not confident that the 3-year target of an \$8 million reduction in General Fund subsidy is attainable.</p> <p>CFO Nathan Mortimer reviewed the working drafts of the FY20 budgets and answered several questions. Once approved by the BOT, the budgets will be available on the Resource Analysis & Budget website located at www.uakron.edu/rab.</p> <p>The following documents were reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UA Funds to Audited Financial Statements Working draft of FY20 General Fund budget Working draft of FY20 Departmental Sales and Services Funds budget Working draft of FY20 Auxiliaries Funds budget

	<p>The following is a summary of the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The budget numbers are fluid and will change up to the June 12 BOT meeting; CFO Mortimer offered to discuss the changes with UC after the Board acts. • Academic units are planning for 3 - 7% budget reductions • Except for Athletics, Auxiliaries are planning for a 7% transfer reduction. Athletics operating support reduction is \$1 million. The SU, Rec Center, and Athletics are being held harmless for the Facility Fee decline and Athletics is being held harmless for the General Service Fee decline. Athletics needed to budget cost control measures and revenue increases approximating \$1.6 million to achieve a net operating reduction. • Reductions, by in large, were not yet included in the budget presented to UC for endorsement • No reduction in force is contemplated in this budget proposal • Continuing to control costs and managing expenditures are imperative • An effort is being made to shift labor from the General Fund to grants, when appropriate • IDC distribution changed. The PI will continue to receive (10%) while the remainder will accrue to the Center. Changes to revenue share and reimbursed time were also discussed. • Enrollment is expected to decline while scholarships are expected to increase <p>Moody’s Investor Service maintained the University’s A1 credit rating and stable outlook. Moody’s is satisfied with the cost control efforts. Its opinion talked about the fiscal prudence being followed.</p> <p>An inquiry was made concerning the outcome of retention for students receiving the Akron Guarantee Scholarship. CFO Mortimer indicated he would return with an update.</p> <p>Immediate Past Chair Sterns stated that it is part of the Continuous Planning and Budgetary Process that the budget be presented to UC for endorsement at this time as reported to the Higher Learning Commission on shared governance.</p> <p>The following motion was made: University Council Budget and Finance endorses the proposed FY20 General Fund, Auxiliaries, and Sales budgets with the following reservation. Based upon the changes made thus far by Athletics, we are not confident that the 3-year target of an \$8 million reduction in General Fund subsidy is attainable. The University Council supports the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee. The motion carried with a secret ballot vote of 13 in favor and 3 opposed.</p>
4:00 – 4:10	<p style="text-align: center;">FREE SPEECH RESOLUTION</p> <p style="text-align: right;">PHIL ALLEN</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>Phil Allen discussed the attached Free Speech Resolution.</p> <p>A motion was made to endorse the Faculty Senate Free Speech Resolution. The motion carried by a secret ballot vote of 16 in favor and 0 opposed.</p>
4:10 – 4:10	<p style="text-align: center;">NEW BUSINESS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">PHIL ALLEN</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m. by unanimous consent.</p>