

University Council

MINUTES

JUNE 11, 2019

3 – 4:10 PM

LEIGH HALL 214

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, Ann Bruno, Jeanette Carson, Katie Cerrone, Ed Evans, Tonia Ferrell, John Green, Brittany Hartman, Kristine Kraft, Paul Levy, Mary Jo MacCracken, Chand Midha, Kris Nakoneczny, Ruth Nine-Duff, Mark Okocha, Linda Saliga, Isaiah Smith, Amanda Stefin, Harvey Sterns</p> <p>Absent with notice: Julie Cajigas, Marjorie Hartleben, Julia Spiker, Shawn Stevens</p> <p>Absent without notice: None</p> <p>Other attendees: Aimee deChambeau, Wayne Hill, Steve Kaufman, Sean Kennedy, Jolene Lane, John MacDonald, John Messina, 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. There being none, the agenda was approved as distributed by unanimous consent. The chair asked for additions or corrections to the May 7 and May 28 University Council minutes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The May 7 minutes were approved as distributed by unanimous consent. The following revision was made to the May 28 Special Meeting minutes: Except for Athletics, Auxiliaries are planning for a 3–7% transfer reduction. The May 28 minutes were approved as revised by unanimous consent. 	
3:05 – 3:10	CHAIR’S REMARKS	PHIL ALLEN
DISCUSSION	<p>A total of 41 faculty members have elected to participate in the Voluntary Separation or Retirement Program (VSRP). They will remain at the University through May 2020. There is a great need for the service that our university provides to our communities. It is important to remember that UA is an integral part of Northeast Ohio. Chair Allen affirmed there is much to be hopeful for at our university.</p>	
3:10 – 3:15	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT	PHIL ALLEN
DISCUSSION	<p>The UCEC reviewed the Professional Development Courses response from the Talent Development and HR Committee. We would like to have leadership development and professional development programs as well as continuing education and technology training opportunities on campus. We will ask CPAC and SEAC to research what our peer institutions are doing in these areas and clarify what they would like to see offered for their constituencies. We will share this information with CIO John Corby.</p>	

3:15 – 3:15	PRESIDENT’S REMARKS	JOHN GREEN
DISCUSSION	President Green was unable to attend.	
3:15 – 3:30	CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER REMARKS	CHAND MIDHA
DISCUSSION	<p>The following were discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Voluntary Separation or Retirement Program (VSRP): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 41 faculty will participate in the program, which represents 12% of total eligible participants • He has informed each deans of the faculty participating from their college • He requested that the deans provide their faculty needs for 2020-21 in rank order • He hopes the deans will work with their dept. chairs and the dept. chairs will work with their faculty in the spirit of shared governance • It is important to provide quality education to our students 2. Enrollment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As of June 3, the Fall 2019 headcount has declined 5.4% and credit hours have declined 4.8% compared to the same time last year • 12% of the credit hours are from Early College High School and College Credit Plus • Fall 2019 is the beginning of the Direct Connect program with Stark State; UA will engage with the students throughout the program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 30 students went through UA orientation and are starting to meet with our advising team ○ We anticipate up to 100 students will come through the Stark State pathway in 2 years 3. Governor DeWine proposed a 1% increase in the state share of instruction (SSI) and the legislation was approved. It is possible that another 1% increase may be proposed. 4. We are working on the Tuition Guarantee for the next cohort. Dr. Midha will keep UC informed. 5. Chair Allen mentioned that there is a committee looking at enrollment, retention and graduation. A report is expected in September. 	
3:30 – 4:10	COMMITTEE REPORTS	COMMITTEE CHAIRS
DISCUSSION	<p>Ad hoc Textbook Committee: Aimee deChambeau, Sean Kennedy and Steve Kaufman discussed the attached Affordable Learning Initiative presentation.</p> <p>UA, in partnership with OhioLINK and the Open Textbook Network, is working to consolidate efforts around textbook/course material affordability and open education resource adoption. Visit the website: www.uakron.edu/affordablelearning.</p> <p>Affordable Learning Initiative Impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower out of pocket cost for students • Increase retention & persistence • Improve course quality • Assist with developing distinctive programs 	

- Build opportunities for recruitment
- University Libraries provides resources to faculty and open network textbook training. Please let them know if you would like training for your department.
- **Steve Kaufman**, Sr. Instructional Designer & Strategic Initiatives Coord., OhioLINK Affordable Learning Ambassador – he can help you find open textbooks and provide training, skaufman@uakron.edu
 - **Sean Kennedy**, Asst. Prof. Prac. Bibliography, Collections & Content Strategies Librarian – he can help you find resources in library collections, skennedy@uakron.edu
 - **Sarah Zornes**, Library Service Coordinator, Course Reserves Manager – she can help you place materials on reserve, szornes@uakron.edu
 - **Aimée deChambeau**, Dean, aimee@uakron.edu

Please share this information with faculty and ask them to consider the cost of textbooks.

Budget and Finance: No report.

Communications: No report.

Information Technology: No report.

Institutional Advancement: No report.

Physical Environment: No report.

Recreation and Wellness: They are discussing a new wellness program to help improve morale. They are discussing ways to continue support of the food pantries, possibly with monetary and food donations from the campus community.

Student Engagement and Success: They are working with the Institute for Teaching and Learning (ITL) to identify speakers for the High Impact Teaching series for Fall 2019.

Talent Development and Human Resources: No report.

Ad hoc Awards Committee: Will be scheduling a meeting to soon to begin review of process and planning for FY20 awards.

Ad hoc Human Development Committee: On May 23, the City of Akron officially enrolled into the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities. Harvey Sterns is part of the core advisory group. UA’s Institute for Life-Span Development and Gerontology and the Bliss Institute will assist with research and data collection. UA had a table at the press conference to promote Adult Focus and the Sixty-Plus (60+) Program.

4:10 – 4:10

NEW BUSINESS

PHIL ALLEN

DISCUSSION

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m. by unanimous consent.