

University Council

MINUTES

MAY 5, 2020

3 – 4:16 PM

MICROSOFT TEAMS

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, Ann Bruno, Jeanette Carson, Katie Cerrone, Ed Evans, Kevin Feezel, Tonia Ferrell, Marjorie Hartleben, Rachel Keay-McVay, Kristine Kraft, Mary Jo MacCracken, Gary Miller, Kris Nakoneczny, Ruth Nine-Duff, Dane Quinn, Linda Saliga, Shiva Sastry, Tiffany Schmidt, Julia Spiker, Emily Starkey, Amanda Stefin, Shawn Stevens, Ben Swanson, John Wiencek</p> <p>Absent with notice: None</p> <p>Absent without notice: Arnob Banik, Jared Brown, Paul Levy</p> <p>Other attendees: Andrew Adolph, Stevie Allen, Taylor Bennington, Kim Cole, Celeste Cook, Aimée deChambeau, Olivia Demas, Pam Duncan, Mike Dowling, Tammy Ewin, Dale Gooding, Wayne Hill, Sarah Kelly, Jolene Lane, John McDonald, John Messina, Steve Myers, Michele Novachek, Dee Dee Pitts, John Reilly, Harvey Sterns, Steve Storck, Joe Urgo, Peggy Walchalk, Joette Dignan Weir</p>	
Agenda topics:		
3:00 – 3:05	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. The holiday hours motion was moved to the committee report section. The agenda was approved as revised by unanimous consent. The chair asked for additions or corrections to the April 14 University Council minutes. There being none, the minutes were approved as distributed by unanimous consent. 	
3:05 – 3:10	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT	RUTH NINE DUFF
DISCUSSION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The chair reviewed the attached April 28 UC Executive Committee minutes. A student submitted a topic submission regarding software platforms for instruction. The following response was received from Janet Bean and John Corby. <p>UA supports and makes available both Google and Microsoft’s platforms to all faculty, staff and students. Each platform has its advantages—the ease of collaboration in Google, for example, and the stronger security features in Microsoft. Supporting both platforms provides flexibility for the University community, but it can create challenges when a faculty member works in Microsoft and a student prefers to work in Google.</p> 	

	In this case, the student will need to download their Google work in Microsoft format. This is the “disconnect” you refer to in your question. To help broaden the access to Google for faculty, an easy-to-find link is being provided within MyAkron. We also need do a better job of getting the word out to faculty regarding access to the Google platform. We plan to provide information regarding this to faculty through an announcement in the Digest.
3:10 – 3:25	PRESIDENT’S REMARKS GARY MILLER
DISCUSSION	<p>President Miller discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He recognized the Board members in attendance: Olivia Demas, Mike Dowling, Andrew Adolph and Taylor Bennington • He thanked everyone for taking care of our students and each other • He has informed community leaders of our efforts to move forward and they are proud of the way faculty and staff have responded to the pandemic • University resources have been significantly diminished by the pandemic and we need to make decisions and implement actions that will impact the FY21 budget • He will work with the UC Executive Committee, UC Budget and Finance Committee, Faculty Senate Executive Committee and deans to ensure we have the proper input and can move efficiently • We are working on a reorganization plan that will reduce the number of colleges • We are working on reductions in non-academic unit expenditures • We are working on reductions in athletic expenditures; we will continue to have Division I athletics • We are working on expanded partnerships with the University of Akron Foundation • He is working with presidents of Ohio universities to develop protocols for opening the campuses • Thank you to Kim Cole and her team for keeping our relationships strong with donors and alumni • Thank you to the admissions and enrollment group for their work to recruit the next class of Zips
3:25 – 3:32	PROVOST’S REMARKS JOHN WIENCEK
DISCUSSION	<p>Provost Wiencek discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He thanked everyone for the offer to join the Zips community • He started on April 30, but has been involved since the April 15 BOT meeting • He will provide details about the proposed plan for redesigning UA in a communication to campus and will request feedback via a Brightspace discussion board and a feedback form which allows anonymity • The UC Budget and Finance Committee can help with benchmarking and providing ideas on how to deploy the new budget • We plan to present the redesign proposal to the BOT at the June meeting
3:32 – 3:45	GUEST SPEAKER DALE GOODING
DISCUSSION	<p>UPAD Major Dale Gooding, Emergency Operations Group discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Emergency Operations Group (EOG) functions within the framework of the Federal Emergency Management Plan in the areas of prevention, protection, response, and recovery • Last year’s training exercise focused on a measles outbreak plan, which was helpful in determining the emergency management needs of the current pandemic

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initially, they discussed what to do if a student was exposed or tested positive to COVID, such as quarantine, food service, etc. • The pandemic evolved quickly and they were involved in moving students, faculty and staff off campus and transitioning to online classes and working remotely • A 24-hour call center was established so students could get help if needed • They helped arrange for students to safely remove their belongings from the dorms • They worked with the county on a plan to house medical personnel in the dorms if needed • They are now working on plans and guidelines to bring employees and students safely back to campus • Employees who need to get items out of their office are allowed to do that in a safe manner, such as wear a mask, wash hands, social distance, etc. • Employees should call UAPD if they do not have keys or swipe access to their building <p>President Miller thanked the Emergency Operations Group for their skill, knowledge and commitment to UA.</p>
3:45 – 4:11	<p style="text-align: center;">PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE IN-DEPTH COMMITTEE REPORT</p> <p style="text-align: right;">SHAWN STEVENS STEVEN MYERS</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>Shawn Stevens, chair, and Steven Myers, appointed administrator, presented the attached PowerPoint and the following were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee goals are cyclical, on-going initiatives in the areas of campus planning and safety, sustainability, space utilization and capital projects • Topic submissions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Speed bumps will be re-installed along the parking lanes on the north and west sides of InfoCision Stadium ○ The committee will follow-up with the city traffic engineer to request a timeline for painting pedestrian crosswalks at Hill Street and University Avenue and others around campus for better visibility ○ The committee is creating a subcommittee to address sustainability efforts across campus • Space allocations • Ongoing and recently completed construction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ They are funded by the state or donors ○ State funded projects are deferred maintenance and infrastructure improvements ○ The Bierce Library restroom renovations will include the creation of an enhanced accessibility restroom, mother’s room and gender-neutral restroom; construction will take place this summer ○ There are two other mother’s rooms located in the College of Business Administration and the School of Law ○ State capital funding is on hold, which could affect the Ayer Hall/Crouse Hall consolidation. The design is moving forward and the construction is on hold. ○ The Gallucci Hall greenspace and landscape will include a pollinator garden, which was the result of a UC topic submission

4:11 – 4:16	COMMITTEE REPORTS	RUTH NINE-DUFF
DISCUSSION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The attached committee reports were submitted for UC review prior to the meeting. 2. Talent Development and Human Resources Committee: Ruth Nine-Duff presented the attached motion regarding holiday hours. The motion to support carried by a secret ballot vote of 16 in favor and 1 opposed. 	
4:16 – 4:16	NEW BUSINESS	RUTH NINE-DUFF
DISCUSSION	The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m. by unanimous consent.	