

University Council

MINUTES

APRIL 12, 2022

3 – 4:04 PM

MICROSOFT TEAMS

MEETING CALLED BY	Jeanette Carson, vice-chair
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Meeting
PRESIDER	Jeanette Carson, vice-chair
NOTE TAKER	Heather Loughney
ATTENDEES	<p>Member: Jeanette Carson, Katie Cerrone, Eli Eubanks, Tammy Ewin, Tonia Ferrell, Juliana Fierro, Amy Freels, James Garcher, Dallas Grundy, Courtney Johnson-Benson, Sarah Kelly, Kris Kraft, Paul Levy, John Messina, Gary Miller, John Nicholas, Linda Saliga, Shawn Stevens, Nick Weber, John Wiencek</p> <p>Absent with notice: John Corby, Ed Evans, Katelyn Frey, Marjorie Hartleben, Grace Kasunic,</p> <p>Absent without notice: Kim Cole, Migyeong Jang, Megan Kenworthy, Jennifer Manista, Steven L. Myers, Michele Novachek, Robert Peralta, Tiffany Schmidt</p> <p>Other attendees: Matt Akers, Jill Bautista, Maria Celeste Cook, Kim Gentile, Anne Hanson Hilaire, Cher Hendricks, Wayne Hill, Judith Juvancic-Heltzel, Heather Howley, Christine Mayer, John Reilly, Michelle Smith, Joe Urgo, Jessica Whitehill</p>
Agenda topics:	
	CALL TO ORDER JEANETTE CARSON
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The vice chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. 2. The agenda was approved without dissent. 3. The minutes of the March 8, 2022 UC meeting were approved without dissent.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no report.
PRESIDENT’S REMARKS DR. GARY MILLER	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed BOT member Christine Mayer to the meeting. • Continuing to work on COVID, the group was convened and has met with the three leaders of shared governance. Conversations with presidents of other universities this morning and everyone is holding and watching summer and fall guidelines. Cases in Ohio are pretty low. • Working aggressively with alumni around the country, DC visit after commencement and also celebrating the Ohio Birthday Party while there.

- A lot of discussion about the governor’s mental health initiative. Delving into that to see where there are opportunities for us. Interesting conversation with NEOMED about a new degree program with them.
- Intel’s RFP, 50 mil for higher education and organizing some asset development in IOC with that. Craig Menzemer leading that discussion.
- John Messina is interviewing top candidates for student trustee, while they are appointed by Columbus we have met with some great candidates including JP Garcher who is in the meeting. Congratulations to you.
- Thursday UA hosting the Ohio Economic Forum, the Mayor and I will make comments.
- The Provost and I are continuing to host information Faculty Senate meetings – next one should be in person. There is no agenda and just getting to know one another.
- Reminder that the Simonetti Awards are coming up, this is an important award from the College of Business and other college events coming up in the next weeks, working with Deans to develop signature events for every college. Some will be held on campus and some at our home.
- Board of Trustees meets on April 27, regular meeting and committee meetings – will review budget for next year and Dallas is staring to vet that with the group.
- April 28 we will have an informal campus gathering in the Student Union. Give an overview of the year and give some shoutouts. Look toward summer and next fall.

There were no questions for the President.

PROVOST’S REMARKS

JOHN WIENCEK

- Enrollment – continue to be up modestly over last year. Hope to maintain that through fall, would like to see flat enrollment of a bit of an uptick. That requires us to remain diligent and to engage with parents and students when they v sit campus. Summer melt is a thing but we hope to not lose too many student to that. Stay engaged with student keep them eager to be here. We have a strong university and hope you’ll continue to engage with the visitors.
- Searches – good track record with these this year. Nicholson rejoined as VP for student pathways/ Honors College Dean, Craig Menzemer is Dean of Engineering and Polymer Science, searches in progress and hope to finish before end of year. VP for enrollment in final stages, reaching out to candidate. Dean of CHHS, one campus visit today and last one next week and then move quickly to put offer out. VP for research and business engagement starting visits on campus next week and hope to finish by end of semester. Call out for Provost Fellows for help with strategic planning and HLC visit. Have 3 identified and working to get them onboard. Leadership position vacated, Matt Gullata has left UA and his strong Assoc Director has stepped into the position. Drennan has stepped into lead role

for business analytics. Short staffed because of Matt's departure but working to fill that.

- Searches ongoing – VP Provost for student pathways and Dean of Honors coming in this week and will be ready to get committee feedback then. Candidate for Dean of Engineering and Polymer Science will be interviewing in next week or so and anticipate report after spring break and moving forward. VP of Research and Engagement – candidate pools have been strong, looking forward to hearing about finalists after spring break. Hope to have all positions filled by end of spring.
- Workday has launched and thank you to all those working on that. We will all be a part of it soon. Change is coming and need you to engage and figure out what works and what doesn't. Should go live in about a year. Grateful for data.

There were no questions for the Provost.

PRESENTATION – HEATHER HOWLEY, DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL CAMPUSES

Heather gave a presentation on working to create institutional cohesion.

Academic Initiatives –

- Increasing market share through a hi-flex, high impact, commuter learning social experience.

Keys to Retention-Building Agency, Belongingness and Academic Fit.

- scaled back activities that were done pre-COVID, how to create high impact belongingness. Working on academic fit, how students can connect with someone in their area at Main campus.
- Reframing failure – the skate park of the mind
- Institutional Cohesion
- pricing and tuition policies, tuition at branch campuses is lower price and need to advertise that.

OSU has tuition tables showing regional vs main campus pricing. Want to make that same transparency for UA.

Changing our intuition – offer a variety of experiences for students.

Fun Updates –

- Wayne County Career Expo – April 29th 10 am-2 pm
- Maker Faire – Sat. May 21st 11-2 - for kids, free.
- Leadership Medina Food Truck Fest June 7 5:30 pm, assortment of food trucks
- 50th anniversary of Wayne College – planning for event in Fall
- EMT program beginning in Medina in August.

Questions:

- Do you have a number for students who start at a regional campus and then come to Main campus?

Any given semester we have about 600 student taking classes at Wayne and who are in a process of transitioning to Main campus. Many transition over time and take a few classes at Main and some at the branch. We want to give them incentive to get to Main campus, once there they love it.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are tuition rates different between Main and regional? There is a difference. For online classes at Wayne they are closed to Akron students. It was suggested that a meeting with Dallas would be good to set the model.
STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS JEANETTE CARSON	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Awards – they are in the final phase of planning the event to recognize recipients. Event will occur in late May. • Budget & Finance – no report. • Communications – no report. • Information Technology –turning focus to standardizing personal booking software (Microsoft Booking), survey to engage campus community and get feedback on what is being used. Finalizing questions to get ready for 4/19 meeting. Standardizing practice hopefully. • Institutional Advancement – no report. • Physical Environment – met last month on 3/17 – two space allocation request approved. Discussion on construction updates. • Recreation & Wellness – update on RooFit, 8-week program had great turnout, 250 total participants made 38 teams. 54,621 points overall. Great feedback for next round. Hopefully can do some team stuff in our next version. Awards have been handed out and in Digest. • Student Engagement & Success – working on weekly Digest items and current page for students needs work and looking at that. Making pages more attractive. • Talent Development & Human Resources – met this month to discuss new topic submission. Focus on performance management project, ready to present recommendation for May meeting. • Food Truck – no report.
CONSTITUENCY REPORTS JEANETTE CARSON	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSG – Our health insurance survey data report has been submitted to Dr. Messina and Dallas Grundy. We hope to share it with the university community in the coming weeks. We have only received two applications for our GSG elections, and no one has applied to run for any of the three executive positions (President/VP/Treasurer). Please encourage any grad students you know to apply! The deadline will be extended to this Friday. • USG – JP Garcher – thank you for congrats from Pres Miller, elections are finished, I was elected President and will be returning. With me is VP Brainard,

	<p>new senators coming onboard. USG working on transitions into next year and getting ready for plans for next year. Preparing annual report for release to student body and campus. Good gauge moving forward. Did safety walk last week and got good feedback and perspective on what needs adjusted. Thank you to those working with USG. Polled about 400 students to gauge mental health climate for Faculty Senate meeting. Positive to see better results from 2 years ago. Know we talked about SpringFest, I will be in dunk tank I will be in there. Looking forward to working with you all. Proceeds benefit scholarships.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPAC – met March 22, worked on procedural manual, vote on that at next meeting. Calling for nominations for CPAC, reach out to me or Jeanette with names. www.uakron.edu/CPAC to nominate. • SEAC – no report. • Faculty Senate – no report. • Deans – no report. • Chairs – finishing out semester, getting data in line for Stellic. Outreach to admitted students.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS JEANETTE CARSON	
	<p>UC bylaws revisions – Members can make comments in writing before May meeting, can email them to Heather Loughney (hl@uakron.edu). Discuss comments at May meeting, if no issues would vote at meeting to approve bylaws. The bylaws were already worked on by an ad hoc committee and worked nearly a year on this. Changes were also reviewed by General Counsel. Work on committees will be begin this summer. Taking an extensive look into committee structure.</p>
NEW BUSINESS JEANETTE CARSON	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.
GOOD OF THE ORDER JEANETTE CARSON	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. • The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 pm.