

University Council Executive Committee

MINUTES

MAY 27, 2025

3:30-4:28 PM

TEAMS

MEETING CALLED BY	Tonia Ferrell, Chair
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Meeting
PRESIDER	Tonia Ferrell
NOTE TAKER	Heather Loughney
ATTENDEES	<p>Attendees: Tracie Epner, Ed Evans, Blair Everett, Tonia Ferrell, Kris Kraft Nate Meeker, Gwen Price, Madilyn Swan</p> <p>Absent with notice:</p> <p>Absent without notice: Aimee Trunko</p>
Agenda topics:	
CALL TO ORDER TONIA FERRELL	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The chair called the meeting to order. 2. The chair added Social Engagement committee to New Business. The revised agenda was approved. 3. The minutes of April 22, 2025, were approved.
TOPIC SUBMISSIONS TONIA FERRELL	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no new topic submissions. • There was a lengthy discussion about topic submissions and the lack of submissions during the last academic year. President Nemer's statement of sending ideas to him seemed to have slowed submissions.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS TONIA FERRELL	
	<p>UC Participation – in a conversation with Provost Price, the following topics were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Engagement Needs Improvement – Many committees lack work, leading to repetitive "no report" updates and disengagement. Stronger goal setting and accountability are needed. • Leadership Transition & Collaboration: Changes in administration have impacted relationships with leadership and therefore UC's role. Efforts must be made to align UC with university priorities and integrate presidential goals into committee work.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student Presentations Were Well Received – Increasing student-focused discussions could enhance engagement. Similar initiatives could boost engagement across campus.• Committee Structure & Functionality: More defined meeting schedules, leadership expectations, and administrative support could improve committee efficiency. There is concern that some committees lack clear direction or support. Provide more clarity on what information can be shared in monthly report outs. Structured training/onboarding at start of each year could improve transparency and effectiveness.• Improving Structure: A different structure for UC could improve effectiveness, engagement and alignment. <p>Guest speakers –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• June – Budget & Finance will not give full budget presentation in June, it will be an assumption report. Full report in July if approved by BOT.• June – Provost will make remarks about SB1, seek questions ahead of time to answer.• July – Budget & Finance	
NEW BUSINESS		TONIA FERRELL
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• June 10, 2025, agenda – add president’s remarks to be given by Sarah Kelly. Add budget assumption report for Budget & Finance committee. Amended agenda approved.• The call for volunteers for the Social Engagement committee received a good response, with 4 people volunteering to serve. The names have been shared with the committee.	
GOOD OF THE ORDER		TONIA FERRELL
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nothing for the good of the order.• The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 pm.	