

University Council

MINUTES

JULY 8, 2025

3:01 – 3:42 PM

LH 208 AND TEAMS

MEETING CALLED BY	Tonia Ferrell, chair
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Meeting
PRESIDER	Tonia Ferrell, chair
NOTE TAKER	Heather Loughney
ATTENDEES	<p>Members: Marilia Antunez, Stacia Biddle (SES chair), Stephanie Davis-Dieringer (TDHR chair), Ed Evans (UCEC), Blair Everett (UCEC), Tonia Ferrell (chair), John Huss (IA chair), Kris Kraft (secretary, CW chair), Nate Meeker (vice chair), Gwen Price (ex-officio), Linda Saliga (BF chair), Madilyn Shaw, Bethel Tsige, Sonya Wagner</p> <p>Members Absent with notice: Tracie Epner (UCEC), Dan Friesner, Faii Sangganjanavanich</p> <p>Members Absent without notice: Karima Elgarroussi (IT chair), Brant Lee, Ally Temsey, Amy Trunko, Alison Winters</p> <p>Other attendees: Matthew Akers, Suzanne Bausch, Kelly Bialek, Dawn Bishop, Laura Bonko, Kate Budd, Bernadette Citano, Lisa Craig, Aimee DeChambeau, Dana Frase, Andrew Goodrich, Becky Handley, Jennifer Hebert, Patti Huth, Matthew Juravich, Judith Juvancic-Heltzel, Sarah Kelly, Wendy Lampner, Emily Lenke, Steve McKellips, Meredith Merry, Patricia Miller, Fedearia Nicholson-Sweval, Mark Rittenour, Christin Seher, Michelle Smith, Mark Stasitis, Misty Villers, Tom Waltermire (BOT), Nick Weber, Sheldon Wrice</p> <p>AA – appointed administrators BOT – Board of Trustee member UCEC – members of the University Council Executive Committee</p>
CALL TO ORDER TONIA FERRELL	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The vice chair called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm. 2. The agenda was approved with revisions. 3. The minutes of the June 10, 2025 meeting https://uazips-my.sharepoint.com/personal/hl_uakron_edu/Documents/University%20Council/UC%20Minutes/2025/2025-6-10-minutes-university-council-final.pdf were approved as distributed.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT TONIA FERRELL	
	At the last EC meeting Misty Villers and Linda Saliga attended to go over the approved budget and to answer questions. Misty is on the agenda for today's meeting so she can answer questions
PROVOST'S REMARKS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enrollment – numbers are holding strong, 4% up according to calculations. We're in the best position we have been in since 2017 right now, feeling optimistic about

	<p>the fall. Thanks to Steve and his team and all of you. Transfers continue to be strong, Wayne close to '23 numbers and CHHS is really leading the way in growth, kudos to that college. Thank you to everybody who is working. Going in the right direction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice provost positions – interviews completed, and committee sent summary, decision soon. VP for AF – completing interviews this week and summary to come after. I am excited to add to the OAA team. Thank you to all of those involved in this process. • Polymer Science is back to being number one in the world again. Big accomplishment. • Shoutout to Laura Roketenetz, Field Station Director at the Bath Nature Preserve for hosting Rich Londraville, President Nemer and myself last week. Along with Randy Mitchell and Jordan Renna, we were there all morning and saw what they have to offer. Classes are held there, retreats, and programming for K-12. I saw it for the first time and thanked them for being great hosts. Great possibilities there. • SB1 – working groups have started, link is now open to submit questions on the SB1 page. Thank you to Mark Rittenour for monitoring the page. Answering questions as they come and forming an FAQ page as well. Other things we're trying to do is to schedule college-level training sessions and an open session as well. Shoutout to Patti for putting that together. We'll be doing those at the beginning of the semester. <p>There were no questions for the provost.</p>
<div>COMMITTEE REPORTS</div> <div>TONIA FERRELL</div>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget/Finance – Misty Villers attended the meeting and discussed the approved budget for the 2025/2026 academic year. https://uazips-my.sharepoint.com/personal/hl_uakron_edu/Documents/University%20Council/UC%20meetings/2024-2025/July%208%202025/Consolidated%20PL%20with%20FY25%20and%20FY26%20Budget%20(1).xlsx <p>Questions:</p> <p>Ferrell – at the bottom, the 5.7 mil is really what is our loss not including debt service. So we have closed that gap, the debt service is 8 mil?</p> <p>Villers – yes.</p> <p>Ferrell – helpful to see them separate.</p> <p>Huss – on debt service, what is the breakdown?</p> <p>Villers – off the top of my head I don't, 13 mil last year, without housing. A lot of interest was there. Typically, we have 20 mil of principal and 10 mil of interest.</p> <p>Ferrell – thank you, Misty, for giving us the assumptions and now the actual budget. We appreciate it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no other committee reports.

CONSTITUTENCY REPORTS		TONIA FERRELL
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSG – no report. • USG – very busy internally setting up for next year; meeting with directors and getting projects going, getting marketing materials ready, New Roo orientation presentations happening, good engagement and interest from new students. Priority applications ended and had 8 applications, more than last year. The last thing I have is participation in the Akron Bicentennial parade. USG planned a group and was in the parade, great turnout in community and good to see UA in a great light. That's all I have. • PSAC – met 6/16 – finalized our groups for fall, did all our voting and sent invites out to new members. Received an approval request for funding for PSAC members tickets for upcoming Rubber Ducks game. Will meet this week. • SEAC – did not meet last month, working on elections. • Faculty Senate – did not meet. • Chairs – no report. • Deans – no report> 	
UNFINISHED BUSINESS		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
NEW BUSINESS		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. 	
GOOD OF THE ORDER		TONIA FERRELL
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. <p>The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 pm.</p>	