

The University of Akron
University Council Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, August 25, 2026
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Microsoft Teams Meeting

Attendees: Edward Evans, Tonia Ferrell, Kristine Kraft, Nathan Meeker, Gwyneth Price, Madilyn Shaw.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m. by Dr. Tonia Ferrell. A quorum was present.

AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made and seconded.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

A motion by Kris Kraft to approve the June meeting minutes was made, seconded by Ed Evans, and the minutes are approved.

TOPIC SUBMISSIONS

- Use of Green Space – Send topic to Physical Environment with a copy to Willy Kollman.
- Key Request Process – Send topic to Physical Environment with a copy to General Counsel.
- Faculty Lounge – Response received from the Student Engagement and Success Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Ad Hoc Special Committee – Committee discussed moving monthly meetings to the second Mondays of each month from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. beginning January, 2027. Kris Kraft made a motion to approve, seconded by Nathan Meeker.
- Committee Reports/Goals – Discussion of updating the committee reports form; committee goals and how the committees can support the university; administrator attendance at standing committee meetings; timely submission of monthly reports.
- Orientation – October orientation for chairs and administrators. Tonia Ferrell, Nathan Meeker and Ed Evans agreed to work on a handbook with Kris Kraft.
- Committee Appointments –
 - USG - Maddie will work on USG appointments.
 - SEAC – The executive committee approves the appointment of Patricia Miller and Susie Muetzel as SEAC representatives on University Council's Executive Committee.

- Deans – Institutional Advancement does not have a vacancy. Dean Janoski-Haehlen is currently vice chair.
- Guest Speakers –
 - September – Athletic Director, Dr. Andrew Goodrich.
 - October – Chief Financial Officer, Misty Villers to discuss budget, revitalization with an available board member.
 - November – Dr. Hans Dorfi to discuss Polymer Industry Cluster. Gwen will coordinate.
 - Future Meeting – David Peterson, new Vice President of Enrollment Management.
- Monthly Student Spotlight –
 - Five-minute spotlight will fall under the USG report. Maddie to find group or individual student(s) to highlight.

NEW BUSINESS

- President's Remarks – President Nemer will transition in the next few months from prepared remarks to an interactive approach by asking questions of members. UCEC will provide him with a list of topics of interest.
- Provost's Remarks – Pleased with Gwen's remarks.
- Past Chair Appointment – Tonia Ferrell has been the chair for the past six years and is stepping down. She is willing to serve for one additional transition year in a "Past Chair" appointment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.