

## University Council Executive Committee

February 25, 2026

Meeting via Teams

3:30pm-4:45 pm

Attendees: Tonia Ferrell, Kris Kraft, Gwen Price, Nate Meeker, Ed Evans, Blair Everett, Maddie Shaw, Aimee Trunko

### **De-Escalation Training Topic Submission and Safety Training Discussion:**

- UCEC received a topic submission regarding de-escalation training for campus employees.
- This was sent to TDHR and Jim Gilbride for consideration
- It was noted that many buildings to have guidelines regarding this.

### **Strategic Planning and Standing Committee Engagement**

- Participants discussed leveraging standing committees as the primary mechanism for campus engagement in strategic planning, replacing previous ad hoc groups with established committees to ensure continuity and representation.
- The need for continual communication was emphasized, even if there are no significant updates, to maintain transparency and prevent perceptions of secrecy.
- The importance of collaboration between administrators and committee chairs, suggesting joint meetings to clarify roles, set expectations, and improve committee effectiveness, especially given recent turnover.

### **Survey Results**

- The committee reviewed preliminary results from a recent survey, noting that communication and committee reporting are recurring concerns,

### **Other**

- The group proposed holding an orientation or level-setting meeting for committee chairs and administrators in May, prior to the start of the new academic year, to establish clear goals and improve committee function from the outset.

### **Upcoming Meeting Planning**

- SB1/HB96 Compliance update

### **Potential Guest Speakers:**

- Katy Brennan - Strategic Planning update

- **Parking Issue and Liaison Identification:** Blair raised a faculty parking issue involving a bounced refund check, and Tonia, Gwyneth, and Kristine discussed possible avenues

Follow-up tasks:

- Follow up with TDHR and Jim Gilbride regarding the response to the de-escalation training topic submission by Friday.
- Schedule a special meeting for UCEC with Matt (and Gwen) to discuss strategic planning and the revitalization process, including utilizing standing committees. (Tonia)
- Plan a joint meeting for committee chairs and administrators (potentially in April or May) to level set expectations and improve committee function for the next academic year.
- Next UC Meeting Guest Speaker