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1. Please select your UC Committee *

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2. Did the Committee meet this month? If you met, select Yes and complete the rest of the survey. Provide minutes in question 7. You do not need to upload documents unless they are supporting materials for this month's meeting.

If you did not meet, select No, give reason for the cancellation in question 7 and submit the survey. You do not need to complete the rest of the survey or upload any documents. Thank you for logging this month's meeting status. *

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

3. Date of Meeting

9/8/2023



4. Committee Members in Attendance or Absent With Notice

Alia Baig Grace DeWitt (class conflict)
Kim Cole Marc Haas
Alexis Currie Steve Kaufman
John Huss Matt Kolodziej
Dean Emily Janoski-Haehlen Michele Novachek
Mary Rossett Joe Shannon (ASO conflict)
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5. Committee Members Absent Without Notice

6. Based on your goals for the year, outline what decision were made or action items discussed during this month's meeting that moved goal(s) forward

Topics for Discussion – Kim Cole, Administrator

- Polsky Knight Building Update
- EJ Thomas Gala Update
- Scholarship Work
- Agenda topic suggestions/input

7. Provide Meeting Minutes/Monthly Report or reason for meeting cancellation here (do not attach minutes as a document in #8 below).

John Huss called the meeting of University Council's Institutional Advancement Committee (IAC) of The University of Akron to order at 9:00am. Mr. Huss sought a motion to approve the Minutes from the April 14, 2023, meeting. A motion was made and seconded and passed unanimously.

Kim Cole provided an update on the Knight Building \$20 million challenge grant and discussed that it is in its programming phase where the architects are determining the best design for function. Discussion ensued and architectural drawings/ideas were shared for perusal. Dean Janoski-Haehlen asked if the money raised was in addition to the We Rise Together Campaign. Mrs. Cole explained that the campaign is at 70% to goal currently, and that Polsky is part of this.

Mrs. Cole shared an EJ Thomas 50th Anniversary Gala update including that donations are currently at \$175,000 with many exciting property updates taking place.

Mrs. Cole discussed scholarships in terms of the university's progress in making the award process more effective. Continued work is being done to implement best practices. Discussion ensued pertaining to the importance of awarding endowed funds early, as well the importance of awarding funds prior to final college-decisions being made.

It was suggested by Chair Huss that Chairs/Department Heads could benefit from a presentation by Steve McKellips as Chairs/Heads have student recruitment at top-of-mind. Additionally, Mr. Huss added the importance for DOs and the Dean/Chairs to have strong relationships to build awareness of the value-add of Advancement DOs working closely with each department/school.

Mrs. Cole brought up the question of potential Agenda topics for future meetings. Dean Janoski-Haehlen asked the question of when new ideas for the WIP \$100,000 award will be accepted. Mrs. Cole announced that the 2022 project, the re:center dedication, is taking place Oct 13, and the call for new ideas will likely be discussed at that meeting so more information will be announced soon. Mrs. Cole also announced that the Nurse Anesthesia room was the winning project for 2023. Mrs. Cole mentioned that DOs are working with each Dean to set fundraising priorities and that could help to generate some meaningful initiatives.

The suggestion to include a future alumni presentation was suggested. It was noted that it would be helpful for Advancement to share the Alumni Socials Map electronically with the Deans/Chairs. Willy Kollman, Asst VP of Alumni Relations, has been secured to present at our next IAC meeting on 10/13.

Dean Janoski-Haehlen brought up naming and discussion ensued as to why the practice of calling buildings by their actual donor-named names isn't in wider practice, and what we might be able to do to advance that practice. Examples of the Jean Hower Taber Student Union, C. Blake McDowell Law Center, Bierce Library were mentioned.

The fact that UA is selling annuities through Gift & Estate Planning was brought up and mentioned as another possible area of interest for a future meeting.

Additionally, goals for the year should be considered. Mrs. Cole and Mr. Huss have a meeting on 10/27 to discuss.

Mrs. Cole suggested to Alia Baig that Jason Segedy, UA's Project Manager for the Polsky Project, would be a good person to present to USG at an upcoming meeting. Miss Baig said she would reach out.

It was brought up by our USG representative that the Friday 9am meeting time may be difficult this quarter due to student schedule conflicts. Mrs. Cole

suggested we consider meeting over lunch for one of our meetings each quarter.

Discussion wrapped up, and Mr. Huss asked if there was any additional business to discuss. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

The IAC's next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 13, 2023, at 9:00am in the Stitzlein Board Room (InfoCision Stadium #203).

8. If you have a document that provides supporting materials for this month's work, upload here. This attachment should not be the monthly minutes (minutes should be submitted in #7 above).
(Non-anonymous question)



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9. Are there any new topic submissions or other information/feedback you would like to share from the committee?

n/a