

University Council

MINUTES

JUNE 13, 2023

3:00-3:56 PM

TEAMS

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| MEETING CALLED BY | Tonia Ferrell, chair |
| TYPE OF MEETING | Monthly Meeting |
| PRESIDER | Tonia Ferrell, chair |
| NOTE TAKER | Heather Loughney |
| ATTENDEES | <p>Member: Grace DeWitt, Matthew Dowd, Ed Evans, Tammy Ewin, Cam Feezel, Tonia Ferrell, Max Fightmaster, John Huss, Sarah Kelly, Kris Kraft, Tim McCarragher, Nate Meeker, John Messina, Gary Miller, Steven L. Myers, John Reilly, Linda Saliga, Nick Weber, John Wiencek</p> <p>Absent with notice: Jeanette Carson, John Corby, Marjorie Hartleben, Robert Peralta, Heather Walter</p> <p>Absent without notice: Alia Baig, Kim Cole, Alexis Currie, Dallas Grundy, Varunee Faii Sangganjanavanich, Sherry Simms, Shawn Stevens, Eric Veigel</p> <p>Other attendees: Matt Akers, Suzanne Bausch, Kelly Bialek, Michelle Banis, Christine Boyd, M. Celeste Cook, Aimee DeChambeau, Angela Hartsock, Matt Juravich, Judith Juvancic-Heltzel, Paul Levy, Fedearia Nicholson-Sweval, Janis McCracken, Stephen McKellips, Mitchell McKinney, Erin Makarius, Christine Mayer, Michele Novachek, Gwyn Price, Scott Roberts, Michelle Smith, Mark Stasitis, Tom Waltermire, Jessica Whitehill</p> |
| Agenda topics: | |
| | <p style="text-align: center;">CALL TO ORDER TONIA FERRELL</p> |
| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The vice chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. 2. The agenda for the meeting was amended, removing the Provost’s Remarks as the Provost could not attend. Approved with revision without dissent. 3. The minutes of the May 9, 2023, UC meeting were approved without dissent. |
| | <p style="text-align: center;">EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT TONIA FERRELL</p> |
| | No report. |
| | PRESIDENT’S REMARKS – |
| | <p>The president shared that the ongoing budget situation in Columbus which is causing a hold up in budget approval at that level, is affecting the universities in the state. Budgets at the university level cannot be approved until the budget in Columbus is approved. The delay will likely go into July. Because the Board of Trustees cannot approve the budget, this month’s scheduled Board meeting the Board will approve a continuing spending authority until the State budget is approved. The Board will also be approving the move</p> |

of the Math department to the College of Engineering and Polymer Sciences. The UC Budget & Finance Committee will be engaged before the university budget is taken to the Board in September.

SB83 is expected to be embedded in the budget with some changes but not many.

Thursday this week is an UA Alumni event in Cleveland, expecting 700 plus to attend.

Questions:

Evans – regarding SB 83, is there an update on the companion House bill?

Miller – HB 151 was withdrawn from consideration, when SB 83 was put in the budget it takes it out of consideration. Our next interaction would be with the Governor and would bring up line items having to do with the bill.

STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

Angela Hartsock, Matt Juravich and Erin Makarius are the Provost Fellows who are coordinating the Strategic Planning initiative. Angela Hartsock gave a brief update on the plans.

Hartsock – the work has focused on goal setting and strategic planning, working on a draft of next year’s strategic plan. Five groups have been organized around the five promises:

- Viability and Investment
- Academic Opportunity
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Research and Innovation
- Community and Connections

Working to define goals for the next two years and working with the provost’s office to help those groups develop a request for funding of some of those goals, developing a rough draft of the strategic plan. Each promise group is called a collaborative. We are also planning to share the next strategic plan.

Questions:

Kraft – if someone wants to join a collaborative who should they contact?

Hartsock – contact any of the three fellows.

GUEST SPEAKER – GWENYTH PRICE, SENIOR VICE PROVOST

Senior Vice Provost Price shared her presentation: [Link](#)

I’m fortunate to be working with a lot of great people, we’ve already done a lot of great work and moving forward:

- Online Learning/Partnerships – Wendy Lampner, busy on growing business partnerships. Expanding Coursera and certification opportunities.
- Distance Education/AV – Jeanette Carson, keeping things updated, updating many older classrooms and technology across campus (about 30 this summer).

- ITL – Janet Bean, many of you interact with this group, leading discussions on AI and how to embrace and figure it out. Will affect us in a lot of ways. Persistence project and new faculty orientation.
- Assessment – Jenny Hebert, lot of thanks to her group, lot of assessments all across campus. Shout Out to all those recognized as all-stars.
- EX(L) – lots going on there, looking at use of community engagement and expanding that. Continuing our Carnegie Classification and tracking our community engagement with Christin Seher.
- History of Psychology Archives – Cathy Faye, wonderful place and encourage everyone to go see the exhibits.
- Articulations and Transfers – Kris Kraft, working on pathways, MOUs and agreements. Working with Stark, Tri-C, other institutions.

Other areas of continuous improvement:

- HLC – liaison officer for this.
- Work with Deans – student issues, faculty issues, initiatives.
- Participate in Shared Governance – Faculty Senate, Univ Council, AAUP
- Curriculum

When should someone come see me?

If there is an issue or idea, bring it to me. My role is to get the right people in the room to move an initiative forward.

Special Projects & Discussions:

- AI
- MAC ALDP (we host in October)
- Strategic Use of Summer
- Course Evaluations
- Prior Learning Assessment

Senior Vice Provost Price also shared an update from Provost Wiencek – enrollment update –

Current Enrollment:

- Approximately 70% of the way through the enrollment cycle now
- Enrollment appears to be trending similarly to last year and projecting a similar total enrollment again.

Incoming cohort:

- Incoming cohort enrollment is currently a little ahead of last year as of June 7
- We continue to trend positively toward our goals of being a little ahead of last year, which was 2,251.
- 400% increase in international applications

Questions:

Mayer – your earlier slide mentioned online learning – what are you seeing and what do you see as the trend?

Price – would say we are looking to grow our online programming but in conjunction with our classroom learning. Want to find the inroads for alternate populations of students. But we don't want to do that as a detriment to our in-person programs. An online MSW degree is coming and that will be a real positive for us. A lot of room for us to find growth. But need to balance it.

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| | <p>Waltermire – excellent presentation, building on online topic – when we enter into that market it appears to be a national market. How do we price those things? Does in-state or out-of-state matter?</p> <p>Price – excellent question. Hand off to Steve for that.</p> <p>McKellips – short answer is all of the above. Most competitive national structures (New Hampshire, Arizona, etc) have a fixed price structure. A little different from degree programs that happen to be online. National markets tend to have flat rates, local programs vary more.</p> <p>Waltermire – do we distinguish where the person is registering from then?</p> <p>McKellips – may have to do that moving forward, but those who are branding as online are doing a set price point. Online course vs online market.</p> <p>Price – all things for us to consider.</p> |
| STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS TONIA FERRELL | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus Wellness – question from Ed Evans about programming for faculty and staff and response? Kraft reported that there was a lack of participation from faculty and staff. • Physical Environment – lots of construction on campus through the summer, elections coming up in a couple of months. • Talent Development and Human Resources – working on evaluation process. |
| CONSTITUENCY REPORTS TONIA FERRELL | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSG – no report. • USG – Feezel – doing a lot of new student presentations. • PSAC (formerly CPAC) – held final meeting as CPAC, now PSAC for now. A few hundred more members to group now with changes, announcement about a social activity coming up. Elections coming up for positions. • SEAC – no report. • Faculty Senate – does not meet during summer. • Chairs – no report. • Deans – McCarragher – last report from me as I am stepping down with the arrival of the new Dean of CHHS. Working with department chairs and staff on Workday, thanks to staff for their work on that. New student orientation – working with faculty to engage students who are confirmed. Working on recruitment for Fall 2024. <p>Chair Ferrell thanked Interim Dean McCarragher for all his work with UC.</p> |
| NEW BUSINESS TONIA FERRELL | |
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TONIA FERRELL