

University Council

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 8, 2022

3:03-4:03 PM

LEIGH HALL 208 &
MS TEAMS

MEETING CALLED BY	Tonia Ferrell, chair	
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Meeting	
PRESIDER	Tonia Ferrell, chair	
NOTE TAKER	Heather Loughney	
ATTENDEES	<p>Member: Jeanette Carson, John Corby, Matthew Dowd, Ed Evans, Tonia Ferrell, Max Fightmaster, James Garchar, Dallas Grundy, Marjorie Hartleben, Sarah Kelly, Kris Kraft, Nate Meeker, John Messina, John Nicholas, Michele Novachek, Robert Peralta, Linda Saliga, Shawn Stevens, Ben Swanson, Heather Walter, Nick Weber, John Wiencek</p> <p>Absent with notice: Tim McCarragher, Gary Miller</p> <p>Absent without notice: Zack Azzam, Miranda Brainard, Kim Cole, Tammy Ewin, Dylan Leipold, Mai Lor, Steven L. Myers, Sherry Simms, Eric Veigel</p> <p>Other attendees: Matt Akers, Michele Banis, Marie Celeste Cook, Kim Gentile, Charles Guthrie, Amy Hall, Anne Hanson Hilaire, Judith Juvancic-Heltzel, Wendy Lampner, Paul Levy, Stephen McKellips, Christine Mayer, John Messina, Paula Neugebauer, John Reilly, Luke Smith, Michelle Smith, Fedearia Nicholson-Sweval, Eric Veigel, Sonya Wagner, Tom Waltermire, Jessica Whitehill</p>	
Agenda topics:		
	CALL TO ORDER	TONIA FERRELL
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The chair called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm. 2. The agenda for the meeting was approved without dissent. 3. The minutes of the October 10, 2022 UC meeting were approved without dissent. 	
	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT	TONIA FERRELL
	<p>The chair welcomed everyone to the November meeting, the first in person meeting of the UC in two years. She stated that this is very different for all of us and that it was good to have everyone here today.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UCEC met 10/25, talked about wrapping up the committee reviews and the final piece was to approve the name change for the Recreation and Wellness Committee. Their new name, Campus Wellness, was approved and the updated bylaws were sent to John Reilly for review. Along with the name change, the mission of the committee has changed as well, moving away from references to Athletics and sports. The changes will come to a UC vote at a later meeting. • There were three topic submissions received and reviewed; Health and Safety concerns – forwarded to the Provost to address, Parking for Students While 	

	<p>Unloading on Jobs – forwarded to Jarod Coleman in Parking, and Naming of Exchange Parking Deck – forwarded to Physical Environment Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guest Speakers discussion and scheduling – now have speakers scheduled through May 2023. • The Provost gave a UPG update, recognized great work of the Provost Fellows thus far and their work on the new UPG for the next two years. • Agenda for 11/8 meeting was approved.
<p>PROVOST’S REMARKS</p>	
	<p>The provost began his remarks by emphasizing strategic planning activities, working on most important things on day-to-day basis. The fellows have talked to campus entities and developed five promises to worked on in the strategic plan. It is up to each person to decide how to work on those promises. A lot of faculty, staff and student involvement in this next step, plan is to indicate objectives of your work and hot to track if you are meeting your objectives. The Akron way will connect to our mission as a university. The new website will tell you all about what we’ve done and what our goals are for the next years. He encouraged everyone to go look at it.</p> <p>The provost recognized Kris Kraft, a provost fellow, for her work in articulation agreements. He also mentioned that he will be looking for additional fellow with an emphasis on forecasting and modeling in the near future and to watch for that announcement.</p> <p>Enrollment continues to be an emphasis and the work to remove barriers for our students to come to UA. Looking at our processes and how to make those easier and quicker for them. Things are changing and we want to adapt well. The provost shared that he has been working with Faculty Senate and that they have been a great partner in looking at and discussing how to achieve the goals. He is working with APC now and other Faculty Senate entities on the new transfer models and how to help our students get through that process faster. Steve McKellips is working on targets for admissions and enrollment and those will be coming out soon. Working hard to close the gap by January.</p> <p>Gwen Price has accepted the position of Vice Provost and will join UA in December. Thank you to Mitchell McKinney and the committee for completing search in four months. Searches continue for the dean of the College of Health and Human Services as well as for the director of Nursing.</p> <p>Working with the Faculty Senate and their Academic Investment Committee and looking at budget proposals coming from colleges.</p> <p>There were no questions for the provost.</p>
<p>PRESENTATION – FEDEARIA NICHOLSON-SWEVAL – DEAN, WILLIAMS HONORS COLLEGE</p>	
	<p>Dean Nicholson-Sweval shared her presentation. file:///C:/Users/hl/OneDrive%20-%20The%20University%20of%20Akron/University%20Council/UC%20Minutes/2022/WHC.University%20Counxil.Nov.8.pdf</p> <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A question was asked concerning comparison between Williams Honors College and other honors colleges. <p>Dean Nicholson-Sweval responded that this was not being done, but that she had attended a recent conference and shared information with colleagues. Other</p>

institutions are requiring more credits, and that will Williams Honors College will be looking into doing the same.

- A question was asked about community partners with the college and who they were thinking of?
Dean Nicholson-Sweval responded that they are looking at the broader community and had recently partnered with Leadership Akron as many students in their college are from outside Akron and having a one-day leadership experience give them an understanding of the workings of our community. She also expressed a desire to work with the EXL Center on campus as well.
- A question was asked concerning faculty research fellows and if there was a stipend attached to that work?
Dean Nicholson-Sweval responded that they are working on that and looking to reallocate resources so that a stipend would be available.

Chair Ferrell thanked Dean Nicholson-Sweval for her presentation.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

TONIA FERRELL

The chair reminded everyone that committee goals are due now and AKRs are due soon.

- The Goals and Awards Committee reported that an announcement has gone out calling for nominations and many have responded. Reviews will be starting.
- Budget and Finance – have submitted goals and are working on a timeline to be in line with the Senate’s committee to make sure we are doing everything at the same time. Looking at carryover on budgets.
- Communications – elected a co-chair, Sherry Simms, submitted goals and AKR.
- Information Technology – submitted goals, looking at the replacing of My Akron. Working on AKRs to have next week.
- Institutional Advancement – elected John Huss chair, Emily Janoski-Haelen vice chair. Goals and AKR coming later in month.
- Physical Environment – submitted goals and AKR is coming. Worked on space request for a mental health oasis above the Starbucks in the Student Union. It has been approved and has a grant. Also had two topic submissions to review – renaming of Exchange Deck, when it was built there were no other decks near it, have forwarded that to Parking and Planning for a name change. If approved, it will go to UCEC and on to the Board. Also, announced two big things coming to campus; Crouse/Ayer hall is almost complete and looks great, next summer will be the big replacement of the electric and water exchange running under Buchtel Commons – the Commons will be torn up for that. Next big improvement will be a revamp of the center of campus in addition to the Polsky renovation.
- Campus Wellness – name change in progress. Discussion on RooFit which is coming in January, good stuff associated with that but keeping it secret.
- Student Engagement and Success – met and identified goals in AKR and changing over to that. Central in the conversation is educating individuals about resources on campus. Discussions on offering training new individuals on campus that could be in Brightspace.
- Talent Development and Human Resources – working on the review process with Sarah Kelly and have an April 1 goal. Working on phase two of AKR, going through documentation on that.
- Ad hoc committee for Social Engagement – held an event on October 26 in the Student Union, great event and many came, thank you for participating. There

	<p>was a visit from Zippy and thank you to the Alumni Office for that. Also gave thanks to Barnes & Noble, Recreation Center, UA Foundation and Aramark for their contributions. Watch for our next announcement for our spring event.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CONSTITUENCY REPORTS TONIA FERRELL</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSG – GSG Breakfast Social coming next week, working on compiling resources for improved grad council materials for graduate student orientation. Planning event for next semester and working with Career Services for events next semester. • USG – a lot happening on campus right now; Diversity Week is this week with a lot of events, USG will be hosting the cultural dance night. Drag Bingo was a great success. Rethinking Race coming in the spring, working on student-led events for that. Men’s Soccer team won the MAC conference. The first safety walk will be November 21, seeing transitions in UAPD and with new chief. Parking Week is next week, educating student on parking passes and giving away the use of President Miller’s parking spot for a day. A reminder about student mental health as we move into colder days and less light, seasonal depression can set in. Cosponsoring an election night watch party. • CPAC – held a meeting to elect members to committees. • SEAC – Ziptastic winner announced, anyone can nominate someone to receive the award, see our website for information. Have been discussing an appreciation for staff with longevity, honorary bricks or a podcast, more information will be coming. Working on bylaws to reflect accepting all staff on campus. Held a lunch mixer on campus on October 27 to allow questions. • Faculty Senate – approved a Diversity statement for faculty to use on their syllabi. • Chairs – working on building a better chair/director training process. • Deans –no report.
<p style="text-align: center;">NEW BUSINESS TONIA FERRELL</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
<p style="text-align: center;">GOOD OF THE ORDER TONIA FERRELL</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The chair reminded everyone that there are snacks and drinks following the meeting so please stay and socialize. • Soccer at 1 pm on Saturday • The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 pm.