

University Council

MINUTES

AUGUST 9, 2022

3:01-3:58 PM

MICROSOFT TEAMS

MEETING CALLED BY	Tonia Ferrell, chair
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Meeting
PRESIDER	Tonia Ferrell, chair
NOTE TAKER	Heather Loughney
ATTENDEES	<p>Member: Miranda Brainard, Jeanette Carson, Katie Cerrone, Kim Cole, Eli Eubanks, Tammy Ewin, Tonia Ferrell, Amy Freels, James Garcher, Dallas Grundy, Courtney Johnson-Benson, Sarah Kelly, Kris Kraft, Tim McCarragher, John Messina, Gary Miller, Steven L. Myers, Michele Novachek, Robert Peralta, Linda Saliga, Shawn Stevens, Heather Walter, Nick Weber</p> <p>Absent with notice:, John Corby, Marjorie Hartleben, Ben Swanson, John Wiencek</p> <p>Absent without notice: Zack Azzam, Dylan Leipold, Ed Evans, Mai Lor, John Nicholas, Robert Peralta, Tiffany Schmidt, Eric Veigel</p> <p>Other attendees: Matt Akers, Phil Allen, Michelle Banis, Suzanne Bausch, Christine Boyd, Marie Celeste Cook, Aimee De Chambeau, Charles Guthrie, Ann Hanson Hilaire, Wendy Lampner, Paul Levy, Linda Saliga, Fedearia Nicholson-Sweval, Michelle Smith, Tom Waltermire</p>
Agenda topics:	
	<p style="text-align: center;">CALL TO ORDER TONIA FERRELL</p>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The chair called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm. 2. The agenda was approved with changes. 3. The minutes of the July 12, 2022 UC meeting were approved without dissent.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The chair welcomed Board of Trustee member Tom Waltermire. • UCEC met July 26, discussed topic submission on Workplace Diversity Calendar. UCEC forwarded to IT committee for consideration with help from Courtney Johnson-Benson. • Reviewed the Budget & Finance committee; no changes requested by the committee. Also reviewed Information Technology committee; they felt their charge was accurate and that the committee serves its purpose. UCEC agreed with both reviews. Next UCEC meeting will review Institutional Advancement, Physical Environment and Talent Development & Human Resources.

- Guest speakers – deans will speaking at upcoming UC meetings, email has been sent to all deans to invite them and with the schedule.
- Communication with the President will now be through Action Memos, similar to Faculty Senate style. Paul Levy to be cc'd on communications.
- HLC document was reviewed, agenda for 8/9 meeting approved.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Dr. Miller began his remarks by asking if UC would be meeting in person in September. Chair Ferrell indicated that the meetings would be virtual. The president responded that he hoped to see everyone on campus. He welcomed Suzanne Bausch, vice president for research and business engagement and dean of the graduate school, as well as Christine Meyer and Tom Waltermire to the meeting.

Met with Chancellor Gardner for over an hour about upcoming legislative session, it was a good meeting and the chancellor lauded the university. Matt will be following up with him on some upcoming legislation. State budget is fairly strong and have fairly large rainy-day fund, discussions on how to use that.

Bruce Johnston, president of IUC, is retiring. Search is underway, IUC will conduct search. President Miller serving on the search committee and a search firm has been hired.

University in conversations with organization Love Akron. Kim Boyd, chamber of commerce and GAR foundation discussing how we can take a lead in the community following the Jayland Walker episode. First meeting is this week, 35 leaders in attendance, John Queener and Sheldon Wrice will be there. Goal is to work through process with community to get discussions going and work towards reconciliation. Mayor is supportive of this. Will engage some faculty and staff who have experience in public discourse. We believe the university will help in this way. Our position as a public university is to be a source of public discourse and the role of democracy. Mayor was asked to do this. Related to that, UA community will brief leaders and address safety issues.

Big September coming up – HLC visit coming up, message coming out from me to ask everyone to be in town during those visits, have an assurance document done by Cher and Joe Gingo and prepping the BOT on the upcoming meetings and will want many of you to be available to meet with the HLC team. Also, the community has the honor to host the Knight Foundation Board on that same week. We are planning a rich interaction with them. Excited about them being in town, this will showcase the university.

Watching Covid situation, county was up to high but has stabilized. Urging and hoping we don't have to go to an indoor mask mandate, continuing to allow faculty to manage how they conduct their classes. Doesn't seem to be a lot of will in the community to go to a mask mandate.

Remind you to really announce again the partnership with Akron children's hospital to develop sports medicine clinic on campus. New basketball floor has their logo. Charles Guthrie pioneered this in ?? and brought it here. This program will save us some money.

Questions – Are we watching Monkey Pox same as Covid?

	<p>President Miller responded that UA is watching it, getting guidance from CDC. Not expecting any institutional action. Talk about how infection happens with students.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">PRESENTATION – TIM MCCARRAGHER, INTERIM DEAN, COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES</p>	
	<p>Interim Dean McCarragher shared his PowerPoint presentation on the college. https://uazips-my.sharepoint.com/personal/hl_uakron_edu/Documents/University%20Council/UC%20Minutes/2021-2022/PPT%20College%20of%20Health%20and%20Human%20Sciences%20McCarragher%20080922%20(002).pptx</p> <p>Questions: If you could ask for a few things, what do you need to continue to grow? McCarragher – Resources, probably what every college would say. The BAHA program could grow exponentially if it had more funds. Would create more public programs.</p> <p>BOT Waltermire commended the presentation and pointed out that work-based learning was one of the things that lead students to go to college, CHHS does that well. McCarragher – even freshmen coming in are given opportunities to really understand what they might want, a lot of off ramps and on ramps built into the program.</p> <p>Chair Ferrell thanked Tim for his presentation and said it taught us all a great deal.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS TONIA FERRELL</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ad hoc Social Engagement committee – winners of raffle from Kona Ice Truck event were announced, had \$500 in sales, enjoyed cornhole and frisbee golf. Next event is scheduled for October 26, watch Email Digest for information.
<p style="text-align: center;">CONSTITUENCY REPORTS TONIA FERRELL</p>	
	<p>Chair Ferrell reminded all constituencies that appointments are due soon. Need appointments before end of August. The UC year is September-August. Also stated the importance of electing chairs for committees; that shared governance is important and chairs are voting members of UC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USG – welcoming everyone back to campus, USG was busy over the summer, planning events for the first few weeks of fall and handing out new logo merchandise. They will be at New Roo Weekend and President Garchar will be giving remarks at convocation. • CPAC – met last month, new representatives elected and overviews from UC committee members. Discussed the celebration with SEAC, possibly doing something throughout the year instead all in one week. Discussed service awards and possibly adding under 20-year awards; possibly having engraved bricks on commons for long-time employees. New chair is Abby Shiban, Vice Chair Eric Veigel and Secretary is Sonya Wagner. Reminder that Akron Pride is August 27, volunteers needed for the tent and for the march. • SEAC – no report.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty Senate – no report. • Deans – working on convocation, NSO, enrollment and recruiting for 2023. • Chairs – working on getting new representation for UC committees.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
NEW BUSINESS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting will have election for chair and secretary of UC, will also welcome new members. Email going out to ask for nominations for the positions. Will take names before the meeting and from the floor.
GOOD OF THE ORDER	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. • The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 pm.