

University Council

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

3:01-3:42 PM

TEAMS

MEETING CALLED BY	Tonia Ferrell, chair
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Meeting
PRESIDER	Tonia Ferrell, chair
NOTE TAKER	Heather Loughney
ATTENDEES	<p>Member: Marilia Antunez, Alia Baig, Jeanette Carson, Alexis Currie, Grace DeWitt, Ed Evans, Cam Feezel, Tonia Ferrell, Dan Friesner, Marjorie Hartleben, Kris Kraft, Brant Lee, Nate Meeker, Linda Saliga, Varunee Faii Sangganjanavanich, Sonya Wagner, Heather Walter, Nick Weber</p> <p>Absent with notice: John Corby, Gary Miller, John Wiencek</p> <p>Absent without notice: Kim Cole, Tammy Ewin, Dallas Grundy, John Huss, Sarah Kelly, John Messina, Stephen L. Myers, Eric Veigel</p> <p>Other attendees: Matt Akers, Michele Banis, Aimee DeChambeau, Charles Guthrie, Becky Hanley, Emily Janoski-Haehlen, Judith Juvancic-Heltzel, Wendy Lampner, Janis McCracken, Meredith Merry, Jessica Whitehill</p>
Agenda topics:	
	<p>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. Election of Vice Chair – The chair called for nominations for the position of vice chair. Nate Meeker was nominated. No other nominations were received, the chair declared Nate Meeker chair by acclimation. 3. The agenda was approved with one correction, the provost’s remarks were removed as the Provost was not in attendance at the meeting. The agenda was approved as amended. 4. The minutes of the August 8, 2023, UC meeting were approved without dissent.
	<p>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT TONIA FERRELL</p>
	<p>The chair began by stating that this begins the new year of UC, and welcomed newly appointed members, thanking them for their service in shared governance. She also shared that the provost and herself will be meeting with chairs of committee to discuss ways to improve committee work and encouraged committees to fill out the committee report form online as it is important in the HLC reviews to have a full record of committee work.</p> <p>The Executive Committee met August 22 with the following business:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One topic submission was received – Pickleball Courts, sent to Physical Environment – have received response. • Unfinished Business included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion of guest speakers through the end of the year. ○ Discussion of UC participation, goals to be outlined at start of year and having annual report at end of year. ○ President to be asked to send an email digest item on topic submissions. • The agenda for 9-12-23 was approved.
STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE	
	<p>No report. The chair shared work is underway on plan for next few year, scheduling meeting with the provost and chair to accelerate work. UPG will review when ready.</p>
GUEST SPEAKER – FAII SANGGANJANAVANICH, DIRECTOR, SCHOOL OF COUNSELING	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Faii began her presentation: Student Mental Health UC Presentation.pptx.</p> <p>Questions: Is there a sliding fee schedule?</p> <p>Sangganjanavanich - In Counseling and Testing a student can go for free 6 sessions, after that there is an agency outside UA to see professionals. Counseling & Testing will bill insurance. Sliding scales for those who cannot afford.</p> <p>What are the numbers for staff and faculty?</p> <p>Sangganjanavanich – We don’t know. A professor in Illinois mentioned that she should receive a raise because of rise in metal health issues among students that faculty are dealing with.</p> <p>Why such a dramatic increase in mental health issues?</p> <p>Sangganjanavanich – COVID hit us hard, people already had underlying concerns, and this made it worse. Concerns about disease and already underlying conditions. The stigma of seeking help has decreased over recent years as well. Services go into the community some even go into a person’s home. Telehealth also available now. Contract professionals in schools now as well. We are able to treat disorders in schools, and work with IEP as well. Availability and willingness to access.</p> <p>Sangganjanavanich – Important to ask your students how they are doing, it means the world to a student. National Suicide Awareness Month – call #988 for help.</p>
CONSTITUENCY REPORTS TONIA FERRELL	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awards – request for anyone to join, putting together now, need students as well. • Budget & Finance – met in August, talked with President Miller about our role and started goals.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus Wellness – 1st meeting next Friday, working on topic submissions coming in. • Communications – no report • Information Technology – met early this week, developed goals for year, celebrated success for communication in technology, coming soon to UC. • Intuitional Advancement – no report. • Physical Environment – no report. • Student Engagement and Success – met yesterday and elected new officers. • Talent Development and Human Resources – no report. • Social Engagement – have not met. Food truck event in August.
COMMITTEE REPORTS TONIA FERRELL	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSG – welcome back event first week of school, almost 200 grad students came to event. Students engaged and excited to attend events. Applications for open positions being taken, we will have a full body judging by response. • USG – USG going well so far, two major events; 110 students at Rubber Ducks, another crowd at Art Museum, looking at safety walks with UAPD right now • SEAC – no report. • PSAC – met 8/21 and did elections for EC as well as committee appointments for UC committees, for those in professional staff- social event next Weds at R. Shea at 4:30 pm. • Faculty Senate – first FS meeting last week, held elections for committees and third UC rep, FSEC doing work over the summer with UC and AAUP on shared governance topics. • Chairs – no report. • Deans – no report.
NEW BUSINESS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
GOOD OF THE ORDER TONIA FERRELL	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The chair recognized Jeanette Carson as she was attending her last meeting as a member. She recognized her service to UC and to the university. The chair also

said she knows that Jeanette will continue to advocate for professional staff and this body will miss you as well as missing her making sure our AV stuff is working. She also expressed personal thanks for putting her trust in her when she joined UCEC. Jeanette responded that it was a privilege to serve on UC and encouraged everyone to find time to do this, working with people across campus.

- The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 pm.