

# University Council

MINUTES

JANUARY 11, 2022

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MICROSOFT TEAMS

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	Tonia Ferrell, chair
<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>PRESIDER</b>	Tonia Ferrell, chair
<b>NOTE TAKER</b>	Heather Loughney
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<p><b>Member:</b> Jeanette Carson, Katie Cerrone, Kim Cole, Laura Conley, Pamela Duncan, Eli Eubanks, Ed Evans, Tammy Ewin, Tonia Ferrell, Juliana Fierro, Amy Freels, James Garcher, Dallas Grundy, Marjorie Hartleben, Kris Kraft, Paul Levy, Tim McCarragher, John Messina, Gary Miller, Steven L. Myers, John Nicholas, Michele Novachek, Linda Saliga, Shawn Stevens, Nick Weber, John Wiencek</p> <p><b>Absent with notice:</b> Katelyn Frey, Grace Kasunic</p> <p><b>Absent without notice:</b> John Corby, Migyeong Jang, Courtney Johnson-Benson, Sarah Kelly, Megan Kenworthy, Jennifer Manista, Robert Peralta</p> <p><b>Other attendees:</b> Matt Akers, Michelle Banis, Toni Bisconti, Christine Boyd, Maria Celeste Cook, Lisa Craig, Aimee DeChambeau, Kathee Evans, Kelli Fetter, Kim Gentile, Charles Guthrie, Anne Hanson Hilaire, Cher Hendricks, Wayne Hill, Judith Juvancic-Heltzel, Kathleen Kaluza Hauenstein, Alexander Knisely, Wendy Lampner, Christine Mayer, Paula Neugebauer, John Reilly, Joe Urgo, Jessica Whitehill</p>
<b>Agenda topics:</b>	
	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>TONIA FERRELL</b></span></p>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm and welcomed everyone back from the break.</li> <li>2. The agenda was amended as follows: Approval of November 9 minutes, not 23. The agenda was approved as amended.</li> <li>3. The minutes of the November 9 UC meeting were approved without dissent. The minutes of the December 7 UC meeting were approved without dissent.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>TONIA FERRELL</b></span></p>
	<p>The chair reviewed the December 21 UC Executive Committee minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special guest Kerry Jackson, director of off-campus safety discussed safety issues on and off campus. There was discussion of issues around Polsky and Chima buildings and that there was a topic submission made concerning Chima. Jackson shared that safety walks are returning to campus and will now include off-campus areas as well. Discussed the need for more emergency phones in locations and also the ongoing safety issues associated with the Speedway station. Also concerns at Folk Hall that were recently dealt with. Jackson will</li> </ul>

	<p>meet with the full UC soon and there will also be a survey going out to make comments on safety issues ahead of his attendance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Topic Submissions – ERP submission that was sent to John Corby. Process moving forward will entail the submitter receiving response and where the submission is in the process and what further actions will take place. Spreadsheet to be placed on UC website.</li> <li>• Bylaws review – coming to UC soon for discussion and vote.</li> <li>• Food Truck committee – members will get email this week to start planning for first event. If anyone else is interested in serving, contact Tonia.</li> <li>• New Business – discussion of hybrid format or in-person meetings. Given numbers of infections we will stay virtual for now. May get to hybrid later in semester. A question was asked of the Provost concerning COVID plans and he responded that the conversations were ongoing and would resume after break.</li> </ul>
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<b>PRESIDENT’S REMARKS</b>	<b>DR. GARY MILLER</b>
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	<p>The President thanked everyone and welcomed them back.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID – work was done last week and monitoring every day. In an IUC call today and there is little difference among the universities on how they are handling everything. No plans for any university to go virtual for spring.</li> <li>• Congratulated the Provost and Law School faculty and staff as well as the College of Business faculty and staff on their new dean hires. Both have already started work. Thank you to Joe Urgo for chairing the College of Business search and Susan Hanlon for the Law School search. Excited to have our first woman dean of the Law School.</li> <li>• Continuing to monitor the situation south of campus and getting update from Kerry tomorrow. Permanent patrols are already going on and few reports so far. Margo Summerville and Kerry will meet with President and landlords this week.</li> <li>• Thank you to Matt Akers for hosting Senator Cirino yesterday to talk with him on the land conveyance legislations and think the bill will get bipartisan support. He is a strong supporter of higher education.</li> <li>• The Department of Commerce has issued RFPs for the Build Back Better grants in the 75 Mil range and UA is collaborating with NASA and we were the only Ohio proposal to make it to the finalist stage. Next step is submitting to EDA in March.</li> <li>• Please continue to wear masks and encourage students to get boosted.</li> </ul> <p>There were no questions for the President.</p>
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- A lot of discussion around the return for this semester. We have worked hard to be in a position to be responsive to the concerns on all sides and made decision we did to stay open and we're cautiously optimistic that we'll open and stay open. We have learned that cloth masks are not the best choice for protection, that the KN or K95 masks are most effective. Looking to get some for those on campus who can't get them. Vaccines and boosters are also part of the effort as well. Students appreciating that we are staying open.
- Doing well on enrollment efforts, goals are aggressive, and we are ahead of where we were at this time last year. Now turning towards confirmations and getting those admitted to commit to UA. There are events on campus to bring students here and get them to commit. Contact your dean or Kim Gentile for information on how you can help.
- We are working on student experience and working on billing for students and making it easier to understand. Also working on advising, created advising taskforce and working with Faculty Senate and deans to make substantial changes between now and the next academic year.
- Welcome to Emily Janoski-Haehlen, the new dean of School of Law and Robert J. Nemer, the new dean of the College of Business. Welcome to both of them.
- Many other searches going on – VP for Research and Engagement, Dean of Student Pathways and Honors College, Dean of College of Health and Human Sciences, Vice Provost for Enrollment. Hoping to finish many searches before the end of Spring semester.
- Strategic Plan – had an envisioning workshop that the cabinet participated in. Focus on aspirations for units, found it very thoughtful and helpful for getting in touch with pivotal moment in past two years and to leverage those into plans for the institution. We will push these out to have everyone develop their lists and you'll hear more about this during the semester.
- Reminder that ERP will be starting rollout over the next year to year and a half. Work will commence right now and a lot of work internally to come.

Questions for the Provost:

- A question was asked about COVID practices for classrooms – will it be expected to keep seating charts and attendance for classes and depending on dean's requests report on student tracing?  
The Provost answered that yes, continue with protocols, seating charts are important. Looking for faculty to continue that.
- Last August we heard from Sarah Kelly on salary compensation review, any updates?  
The Provost responded that it is being handled through a subcommittee of the UC, discussing how ERP overlaps with this. He was not certain of details but chair of subcommittee might be able to answer those, or Sarah Kelly.

	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>TONIA FERRELL</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recreation and Wellness – registration for RooFit is up and running on the Recreation website, \$5 registration fee pays, pays for awards at the end of the program. Get teams together and register. This was a very successful event when we did it before. We are unable to do the kickoff event due to COVID surge and we’ll be distributing items to team captains.</li> <li>• Talent Development &amp; Human Resources – working on the salary issue across campus, have put forth a proposal to the Budget &amp; Finance Committee for outside software, ERP issue brought up at last meeting. We are bringing in people to talk about that to see if we can bring those together. Work in progress.</li> </ul>	
<b>CONSTITUENCY REPORTS</b>		<b>TONIA FERRELL</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GSG – no report.</li> <li>• USG – welcome back, working on welcoming back students to campus. Last semester we were planning New Year, New Roo showcasing campus services for students. That program starts this Thursday and runs through February.</li> <li>• CPAC – CPAC invited President Miller to the December meeting, had an informative Q and A with topics ranging from flexible work, COVID, campus morale, safety, ERP, enrollment and others. CPAC will make the anonymous survey comments available to President Miller in near future. President Miller’s responses to questions will be posted on the CPAC website in the near future.</li> <li>• SEAC – did not meet in December, will meet next month.</li> <li>• Faculty Senate – has not met since last UC meeting. Curriculum Review Committee working hard on all the proposals submitted at end of semester, thank you for all their hard work.</li> <li>• Deans – working with faculty and directors and chairs for spring, working on confirmations for students. Welcoming two incoming deans and continuing searches for other deans. Busy and good week so far.</li> <li>• Chairs – same as deans; confirmations and COVID issues.</li> </ul>	
<b>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</b>		<b>TONIA FERRELL</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ad hoc committee on social engagement – will start work this week, would like more volunteers.</li> </ul>	
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>		<b>TONIA FERRELL</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>	
<b>GOOD OF THE ORDER</b>		<b>TONIA FERRELL</b>

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kim Cole thanked all who donated to funds on campus, processing is in action.<br/>Grateful for your support</li><li>• The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 pm.</li></ul> |
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