

MINUTES



University Council

Budget & Finance Committee

MINUTES DATE: APRIL 15, 2020

TIME: 2:30

LOCATION: MICROSOFT TEAMS

MEETING CALLED BY	Shiva Sastry, chair	
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular Bi - weekly	
PRESIDER	Shiva Sastry, chair	
NOTE TAKER	Jessica DeFago, secretary	
ATTENDEES	<p>Members in attendance: Steve Storck, Shiva Sastry, William Cole, Jessica DeFago, Mike Cheung, Jarrod Tudor, Linda Saliga, Ruth Nine-Duff, Isaiah Smith, Dominic Cardarelli, Suresh Narute, Paanii Robertson-Laryea</p> <p>Absent with notice: none</p> <p>Absent without notice: Wan Yu</p>	
Agenda topics:		
2:30 – 2:35	CALL TO ORDER	SHIVA SASTRY
DISCUSSION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The chair called the meeting to order. He asked for additions to the agenda. There being none, the agenda was approved as distributed by unanimous consent. 2. The chair asked for additions or corrections to the April 1, 2020 UCBF minutes. The minutes were approved as revised by unanimous consent. 	
2:40 – 2:50	DEAN’S REPORT	JARROD
DISCUSSION	<p>The Deans are continuing to provide triaging to help students in need of computers and internet services. Specifically, this is being done at our more remote locations. All Summer courses will now be online. The University of Akron, like most universities, are putting together possible scenarios/plans for Fall 2020 if we have to be completely online. Deans are sending position requests to the Position Review Committee. Lastly, colleges are actively seeking out solutions for Orientations to be delivered in unique ways. One way is through personal connection through postal mail. Colleges are handwriting letters to prospective students to encourage enrolling at UA.</p>	
2:50 – 3:00	CHAIR’S REPORT	MIKE
DISCUSSION	<p>The Chair’s are meeting on Friday as a group for the first time since remote working started. Chairs are working to put a plan together to reopen the Research Labs in safe ways. Some identified measures have been gleaned from hospitals such as the Cleveland Clinic. Tactics used have included: square footage restrictions and various team approaches where working at different times would be implemented. Engineering has hosted virtual Town Hall Meetings for undergraduate students in order to stay connected. Additional Town Hall meetings will be scheduled for graduate students.</p>	

3:00 – 3:15	ENROLLMENT UPDATE	STEPHEN
DISCUSSION	<p>The Board of Trustees met today and amongst many topics the group spoke about enrollment concerns. It was reported the University anticipates enrollment numbers will drop with the most significant drop in newly committed students for the Fall 2020 semester.</p> <p>The Office of a Student Accounts started posting refunds to student accounts. Not all students who are eligible for a refund may receive it in the form of a check. But rather the refund will be applied to outstanding balances.</p>	
3:15 – 3:50	STATE OF OHIO BUDGET	STEPHEN
DISCUSSION	<p>The United States Senate passed a bill intended to speed relief across the country to support the American economy. Part of the bill provides aid to the public education sector. The Federal CARES Act will, in part, provide stimulus to colleges and universities including the University Akron. The University will apply for aid through the CARES Act. When received, a portion of the stimulus must be used to support students in need. The US Department of Education will provide further guidelines. The University of Akron will follow federal guidelines when determining how to award the stimulus.</p> <p>The Governor advised that SSI will be cut by 20 during the months of April, May, and June and Universities should anticipate a reeducation of 20% in FY21 and FY22.</p> <p>The University will continue to find unique needs to support students through purposeful and proactive planning.</p>	
3:50 – 4:13	NEW BUSINESS	SASTRY
NO NEW BUSINESS WAS PROPOSED		
THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:13 P.M. BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT		