

University Council

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 8, 2022

3 – 3:42 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: Jeanette Carson, Kim Cole, Laura Conley, Eli Eubanks, Tammy Ewin, Tonia Ferrell, Juliana Fierro, Amy Freels, James Garcher, Dallas Grundy, Marjorie Hartleben, Courtney Johnson-Benson, Grace Kasunic, Sarah Kelly, Kris Kraft, Paul Levy, Tim McCarragher, John Messina, Gary Miller, Steven L. Myers, Michele Novachek, Robert Peralta, Linda Saliga, Tiffany Schmidt, Shawn Stevens, Nick Weber, John Wiencek</p> <p>Absent with notice: John Corby, Pamela Duncan, Ed Evans, Katelyn Frey,</p> <p>Absent without notice: Katie Cerrone, Migyeong Jang, Megan Kenworthy, Jennifer Manista, John Nicholas,</p> <p>Other attendees: Matt Akers, Michelle Banis, April Blood, Maria Celeste Cook, Kathee Evans, Kelli Fetter, Kim Gentile, James Gilbride, Charles Guthrie, Cher Hendricks, Wayne Hill, Kerry Jackson, Judith Juvancic-Heltzel, Wendy Lampner, Christine Mayer, Patricia Miller, John Reilly, Scott Roberts, Joe Urgo, Sonya Wagner, 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 3:00 pm. 2. The agenda was approved without dissent. 3. The minutes of the January 11, 2022 UC meeting were approved without dissent.
	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT TONIA FERRELL
	<p>The chair reviewed the January 25, 2022 UC Executive Committee minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOT Chair Gingo attended the meeting. • Topic Submissions – Discussed topic submissions, one on leadership restructuring and was submitted to TDHR, SES and cc Sarah Kelly. • Approved 2/8 agenda and discussed guest speakers; Kerry Jackson in April, Joe Urgo is slated for next month to talk about Academic Advising taskforce and Heather Howley will attend April meeting to talk about regional campuses. • Good of Order was discussion of RooFit and suggested to invite BOT members after break.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

DR. GARY MILLER

- Worked efficiently through a couple of snow days and those of you who inquired are getting answers on how we do that. Appreciate the work that of a lot of people in making the decision.
- On the road quite a bit and alumni are anxious to see us and hear about UA and have had a productive reception and are making progress on the 100 Mil campaign.
- Friday at 11:30 am will present the State of the University address to Akron Press Club, it will be streamed live, see Digest for information. Talking about what we are doing to ensure student success, strategic planning and opportunities that have come up in recent months.

There were no questions for the President.

PROVOST'S REMARKS

JOHN WIENCEK

- We had bad news disguised as good news – a failure on software to talk to each other resulted in dashboards not populating for our international applications. We thought that we fell short of our goal but we actually did make it. We are now pivoting to confirmations. Students may be admitted at multiple universities, but we want them to commit to us. We are working to get students to make deposits. To date we are up from last year at this time.
- We need to maintain positive image of our university and where we are heading, continued energy and enthusiasm.
- We are looking at what we can do strategically moving forward to look at adult learners. We will continue to optimize our scholarships and are getting some expertise from Kennedy and Co.
- Student success software being viewed on campus, there has been overwhelming support for this across campus. RFP is out and demos are underway. Stellic and CollegeNet providing demos. We are hoping to have ready for next fall class helpfully.
- 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, Dean of College of Engineering and Polymer Science. Hoping to finish many searches before the end of Spring semester.
- A memo went out in Digest to make it clear we are moving forward with a new ERP system, Workday on a fast timeline and then plan is to implement within a year.

There were no questions for the Provost.

President Miller shared his appreciation to the group inviting in Kerry to give an update on work. This is a high priority of BOT and focusing a lot of energy on making off-campus areas safer. Have faculty and students involved as well as safety forces. All of what Kerry is telling you is coordinated with the city; we are discussing with them regularly. Last Christmas was first time a long while without property break ins. A lot of police activity reports to Dallas so thank you for that.

Kerry shared the following updates on safety:

- Brought back the block-by-block escort service, located in Exchange Hall lower level, out Friday and Saturday keeping an eye out.
- Involved in two separate camera projects – on campus and off campus, on campus will start around April 1 and running by fall and to be used to add to security.
- UAPD has assigned three officers working full time south of Exchange, patrol and keep area safe. They are there to help out the city and respond when necessary when students need them.
- Landlords met with the university and we have been meeting with them regularly to have open forum on what they think we can do to help them and likewise.
- Prof Stephanie Uhas has put together a class that will tabulate the nuisance complaints south of campus and once a property receives a certain number of complaints, we will turn those over to the city for action.
- Question about walking in twos - UAPD is still pushing that when they talk to students, to travel around on the buddy system. Don't go home without your buddy. UAPD is hiring new officers, it's been tough with lack of a labor force. Officers are doing their due diligence to make sure those we hire are trustworthy.
- Question on the camera project – there are cameras south of Exchange will be 50 cameras in 30 locations. Adding more cameras to decks and outside buildings on campus, will have a total of 1400 cameras on campus.
- Question concerning officers south of Exchange - yes, new officers will backfill and allow for more time off for officers. The officers wanted to be over there, and they conducted interviews to choose the ones to work south of campus.
- Question on start date for on-campus cameras - don't know that for sure. That's not part of my project. Some have already been installed but it's combination of us and an outside contract.
- USG President shared that USG had approached President Miller and Kerry about Ring doorbells – if feasible, provide Ring doorbells to students who are interested, offered as a sign-on bonus at many rentals, will provide security for students and they can take it with them. Kerry shared that he appreciated those efforts and it was also shared that safety walks were rescheduled for the upcoming Thursday beginning at the Folk Hall parking lot. Kerry added that the

	<p>system that we acquired for the cameras south of exchange will tie Ring doorbells into the system eventually. It will help with burglaries.</p>
	<p>STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS TONIA FERRELL</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Awards – reminder that February 14 is deadline for nominations for achievement awards. Encourage everyone to nominate someone who contributes to campus. • UCIT – Matt Williams met with the committee and gave a broad overview of cybersecurity on campus. Looking to implement a campus plan to bring to UC next meeting.
	<p>CONSTITUENCY REPORTS TONIA FERRELL</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSG – no report. • USG – Ring initiative going on, we’re reevaluating our internal governing structure and being representative of campus population. Expanding period project – over past couple of years, bins in women’s restrooms in union, expanding across campus to other buildings. • CPAC – met in January, reviewing our procedural manual, winding down on that. Working with the SEAC on joint venture of a social or morale building event before end of June. Researching determining some professional development opportunities for campus. • SEAC – discussion of employee safety and decisions on that. Thank you for taking safety into consideration on closing university. SEAC working with OSCH (Ohio Staff Council of Higher Education), fall conference will be hosted at UA this year. • Faculty Senate – no report. • Deans – working on awards for faculty and staff, searches underway. Recruitment and enrollment is focus, Discovering Diversity Day and Senior Day are coming up. We are working across campus on marketing and recruitment. School events, virtual events and emphasis on transfer work and thanks to Kris Kraft for her work on that. Working with career fair as well. • Chairs – we are all switching focus to confirmations, scheduling for summer and fall classes as well. We will continue with focus on confirmations.
	<p>UNFINISHED BUSINESS TONIA FERRELL</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.
	<p>NEW BUSINESS TONIA FERRELL</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

TONIA FERRELL

- None.
- The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 pm.