

University Council Executive Committee

MINUTES

DECEMBER 21, 2021

3:35-4:19 PM

MICROSOFT TEAMS

MEETING CALLED BY	Tonia Ferrell
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Meeting
PRESIDER	Tonia Ferrell
NOTE TAKER	Heather Loughney
ATTENDEES	<p>Attendees: Pamela Duncan, Tonia Ferrell, Marjorie Hartleben, Grace Kasunic, Kris Kraft, John Wiencek</p> <p>Absent with notice: Jeanette Carson, Katelyn Frey, Courtney Johnson-Benson</p> <p>Absent without notice: Ed Evans</p>
Agenda topics:	
<p>CALL TO ORDER TONIA FERRELL</p>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The chair called the meeting to order. The agenda was approved with additions. 2. The minutes of the November 23rd meeting were approved without dissent.
<p>SPECIAL GUEST KERRY JACKSON</p>	
	<p>Kerry Jackson, Director of Off Campus Safety, attended the meeting to answer questions on safety. He asked UCEC what concerns they had about what he should be doing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A question was asked about safety issues around the Polsky building, given its location in downtown area and the Mayflower. Jackson responded that it is an area of concern with the imminent opening of the front doors of the building to the public and the ongoing issue of public access. Currently there is not enough manpower to have someone in the building during all hours it is open and also acknowledging that anything that is done will cost money. But it is on his radar and he is looking at the situation and will speak with the President about it. • Continuation of discussion on Polsky and the issue of homeless individuals around the building and in it at times. Jackson stated that this is a problem they are aware of and that he has spoken with the Chief of Police and they are discussing it. • Issues concerning the Chima building – Jackson said that he had spoken to the Chair about the issues and that there will be additional lighting installed in the parking lot after the first of the year. There is an issue of the other parking lot nearby that does not belong to UA any longer, there will be conversations with

	<p>the new owner of the lot about getting more lighting put in there as well. The Noon-8 pm Lieutenant is aware as well of the need for additional patrols in that area. Jackson also suggested that students may want to move their vehicles closer to the building for safety.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jackson also discussed the safety walks that will be returning to campus in the new year. USG will be working to come up with routes of concern and to schedule the monthly walks around campus. They will also be expanded beyond the campus borders to look at the issues off-campus. • A question was asked about campus emergency phones – Jackson responded that a few more could be added to campus but that the off-campus area is being looked at for phones as well. He said that the President is serious about taking ownership of the situation and that will mean more phones and putting cameras in as well. 50 cameras in 36 areas coming by middle of April and looking to add more after that. • A concern about the issues at the Speedway was also brought up – Jackson replied that there have been talks about holding Speedway accountable for what is happening in their parking lot. Akron Police have had issues with it as well, trying to get Speedway to cooperate and have not had much success. The President is considering contacting the corporate offices for Speedway. • Jackson also shared that an issue was addressed at Folk Hall where the students/faculty felt unsafe in the back parking lot where homeless individuals often sleep. A phone will be installed in the back lot for safety. • Jackson thanked the UCEC for their input and said that he is always available for questions or to discuss concerns. • Chair Ferrell said that there will be a survey going out to the UC members asking for input on safety issues on campus. Jackson can attend the February meeting to speak on the survey results.
TOPIC SUBMISSIONS TONIA FERRELL	
	<p>The chair asked for discussion on recently posted topic submissions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was one submission concerning the ERP. This will be forwarded to John Corby to distribute. • The Chair brought up responses and expectations for TS – talked to Provost yesterday and feedback was that we respond directly to submitter and if it’s anonymous well have boxes that say “responded, no further action” and “responded, further action required”. Boxes to complete and close. President does not really have expectations to send to greater community but continue to do what we do with them.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS TONIA FERRELL	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bylaws review –waiting on clean copy, that will be forwarded to John Reilly. • UC Orientation – discussion on this issue will begin again in January, may need to reform a committee to start work on issue. Kris Kraft said that she and Heather would begin scheduling meetings.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Truck committee – volunteers have come forward, compiling information has begun on food trucks and rules.
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	NEW BUSINESS	TONIA FERRELL
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discussion of future meetings in Teams or hybrid – with numbers of COVID cases rising again it was decided that January and February meetings will be in Teams and will monitor numbers before deciding on later meetings. Would like to try for hybrid towards end of semester. 2. The agenda for the UC meeting on January 11, 2022 was approved with one change, remove the presentation topic for Joe Urgo.
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	GOOD OF THE ORDER	TONIA FERRELL
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A question was asked of Provost concerning Omicron variant and numbers. The Provost responded that the administration is watching numbers carefully and has begun work on contingency plans but that those discussion are on hold until after break. 2. Meeting was adjourned at 4:19 pm.
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