

The University of Akron
Contract Professional Advisory Committee
2007-08 Committee Meeting

Minutes

Meeting Date: December 12, 2007

Call to Order: 3:00 p.m.

Membership: Greg Dieringer, Michelle Ellis, Amy Gilliland, Mary Jane Grebenc, John Gurnak, Anne Jorgensen, Diane Maffei, Cindy Mako-Robinson, Herb Matheny, Sue McKibben, Dee Dee Pitts, Kevin Tondra, Nan Whitsel

Ex-officio: Kent Marsden (President Pro-Tem)
Associate Vice President for Human Resources (not yet appointed)

Legal: Celeste Cook

Attendance: Greg Dieringer, Michelle Ellis, Amy Gilliland, Mary Jane Grebenc, Diane Maffei, Cindy Mako-Robinson, Sue McKibben, Dee Dee Pitts, Kevin Tondra

Agenda, Action, & Discussion:

1. Review and approve minutes from meeting on November 14, 2007.

Minutes were approved with one correction.

2. Operations Advisory Committee Update

Cindy reported that the committee had met twice since CPAC's last meeting. There were updates on current campus projects by the Provost. Five committees were formed: Campus Communication—Feedback from Committees, Coordination of Summer Camps-Operational Issues (Anne), Budget/Efficiencies Linked to Benchmarking (Cindy), Scheduling of Student Union, and Enrollment/Capacity Planning.

VP Case announced the appointment of the Associate VP for Human Resources. He indicated that budget packets will soon be distributed to departments. He updated the committee on parking concerns and traffic patterns around campus. A partnership between UA and the City of Akron is working to develop improvements in the traffic patterns.

3. University Council Update

No updates.

4. NCA Focus Group Visit Update

No updates.

5. University Group Insurance Benefits Committee Update

No updates.

6. Board of Trustees Update

No updates

7. Faculty Senate

Amy reported that the Provost congratulated everyone on a successful semester. She addressed several ongoing projects such as the University Park Alliance, the Quaker Inn, the NEO Commission and The University System of Ohio. She announced that the summer 2008 calendar has been changed to reflect two summer sessions. She discussed a House Bill that has been introduced to mandate common textbooks for all General Education courses statewide. Dee Dee made the committee aware that Summit College General Education courses will now be accepted for main campus students.

8. Grievance Committee Update

No updates.

9. Newsletter/Holiday Greeting Update

A picture was taken of the group to be used in a holiday greeting to be sent to the CP listserv. Michelle also reported that she had received no responses to “name the newsletter”.

10. Parking Committee Update

Amy Liikala Conwi, a former CPAC member who serves on the Parking Committee, offered to come to one of our meetings and update the group on the committee’s findings.

11. Charity Initiative

There was a discussion about hosting a charity initiative event. Sue has requested a budget line for CPAC funds but to date has not heard anything. There were many charity ideas brought forward. Ideas included “Adopt a Family”, a food drive, Women’s Shelter donation, contributions to the Alternative Spring Break initiative, contribute to one of UA’s students “in need”, UA’s Child Care Center supplies, or a scholarship fund.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:50 p.m..

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 3:00 p.m., January 30, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Maffei