

SEAC University Council Reports

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University Council

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University Council March 8, 2022

Meeting was called to order.

President's remarks:

President mentioned time has been taken up with the Food Truck committee and stated that we would see results soon from that committee's work.

Reminded everyone about Spring Commencement May 7th and that it would be held at the Jar Arena. The President has been traveling since the mask mandates have relaxed and people are open to seeing him. They were in Washington DC to lobby for the EDA proposal, and also discussed issues related to downtown Akron and other issues. They saw both senators, and other local delegation. They were attending with the Chamber of Commerce people and got quite a bit of work done there.

They are moving aggressively on the safety initiative. They have finished hiring additional police officers for that area. The contracts for the camera project have started. Block by block is over there patrolling and they continue to have regular meetings with the landlords who rent to students in that area. He stated that's looking pretty good. The meetings with the city have been going really well, one was scheduled for this week but are postponing due the MAC tournament.

Executive Meeting Report:

Topic submissions were reviewed. One about prevention education that was submitted to John Messina and the Student Engagement Committee. We also talked about signage and Quaker Square; it will be referred to the Physical Environments Committee. We discussed the bylaws; we got the Red line version to John Riley for his review. Under New business, we talked about committee minutes. There are several committees who have not posted minutes in quite a long time, so there's an appeal that if you're in one of these committees, whether you're meeting or not, we need you to go to the online form and fill it out. Minutes are important for HLC review. Work to document what we're doing in the University Council for that purpose and for everyone across campus, for transparency. Emails will be coming out more often to remind you about the committee reports. We would also like to have additional reporting during the University Council meeting. Please give us a minute or two summary of what you've been working on.

Provost report:

Started with mentioning the issues at hand with Ukraine. Stated many in the community are feeling the stress and asked everyone to provide reassurance and comfort where it can be helpful.

Discussed Stellic, software to help with advising and registration, will be moving forward to implement that as soon as possible.

The searches are ongoing for the Deans, some vice Provost searches, the Vice President for Research and Business Engagement. The final candidate for the VP of Student pathways and Dean of the Williams Honor College is coming later in the week. The candidate for the Dean in college of Engineering and Polymer Science will also be going through the interview process in the next week. Goal is by end of academic year to have all leadership positions solidified with permanent candidates.

Enrollment efforts are going well. Confirmations are holding and seem to be looking at a flat or upward trajectory. Covid transitions are beginning as the masking requirements have eased, but requests everyone be respectful and patient.

University Planning Group continues to meet. We are at a point where we're talking about collecting accomplishments across campus. If you have a little story or some information you want to share about things you've been able to accomplish in the past year and how they touch on our plan and move it forward, we're going to reach out to you and ask you to participate in that process.

Expressed thanks to the shared government bodies

Standing Committee reports.

IT committee brought forward Cybersecurity awareness and training resolution along with Information Security Awareness Training Policy for review and endorsement vote. Passed with 100% vote.
To bring forward for our review and for ou"

University Council Executive Committee

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University Council Executive Committee – Feb 22, 2022

The meeting was called to order and began with reviewing topic submissions.

The chair asked for discussion on recently posted topic submissions:

- Prevention Education – looking for position for prevention education, full-time. Send John Messina’s response to submitter.
- Signage at Quaker Square – replace or remove old signage advertising Quaker Square. Questions about long term plan for building were answered by the Provost. The building has a lot of deferred maintenance issues and looking at possible vacating of building. Not sure if building has historic designation, but don’t expect silos to be removed. Looking at ways to use it. Send submission to Physical Environment.

Unfinished Business

- Bylaws – redlined version to John Reilly for review. Provost stated that BOT will review whenever it is received.
- UC Orientation – committee has not met.

New Business

- UC agenda for March 8, 2022 was approved .
- Discussion of Committee Reports
Committees are not reporting on a regular basis in UC meetings, discussion of how to improve that. Remind committees that if they have an actionable item it should be brought to the UC meeting. Report on responses to topic submissions. Continue with Forms committee report, remind committee chairs of requirement to submit report of each meeting.
- Topic Submission update – old submission regarding benefits for employees – have communicated with Shonda and there will be a link to Best Benefits Club on the website, unsure where just now. UCEC felt this should be on the Purchasing or Benefits websites.
- Note from Cher Hendricks on topic submission form – asked if a specific action for the submission could be done, would help the committee or person receiving it.

Board of Trustees

Kathee Evans and Nathan Yost

Budget & Finance

Lejeune March

- Discussion on funding for software used for the pay review on campus
- Next year’s tuition will increase

- Stranded credits
- >>>NE Ohio schools pilot program proposal striving to look at the population who have dropped out of matriculation due to debt carried forward and unable to pay. The program would forgive \$2500 per semester up to \$5000 per year and allow readmit.
- >>>Eligibility/boundaries/qualifications for the program. About \$.012 per dollar for those students who would not come back to the initial expected by the fall to implement the program.
- • Budget format for the upcoming workday ERP – Income report was restructured to combine various components such as revenue, expenses inclusive of payroll line items.

Communications

Richard Newsome

1. University Communications Research Project Analysis
 - a. Important themes from survey analysis (Dr. Amber Ferris)
 - i. Students want relevance with the email
 - ii. Safety Alerts were important to students and campus (ZAlerts)
 - iii. Students want communication to their mobile device
 - iv. Faculty/Staff do not want communication to mobile device
 - v. Grad students have problems finding relevant information
 - b. Award for raffle
 - i. 2 groups, 2 people from each Employees and Students for Raffle
 - c. University Communications and Market looking at Analysis to prepare strategy

Information Technology

Nathan Yost

"On the topic of required Cyber Security Training:
 Matt Williams removed required dates from training and changed it to be required once annually.
 Updated language based on Board of Trustees rules.
 Eli started the process of a Draft Resolution to pass to University Council. President Miller would like to get the recommendation from UC as quickly as possible in order to implement the policy.
 Language was edited to be grammatically correct.
 Bill Moved to pass the resolution, Cora seconded. Passed unanimously. "

Institutional Advancement -

Michele Novachek

Kasey Willener, Assistant Director of Development, guest speaker, presented an indepth explanation of Akron Arts to the committee.

Physical Environment

Max Fightmaster

Recreation & Wellness

Nancy Lupi, Peggy Walchalk

The UC Recreation and Wellness committee did not meet last month. We will plan to hold our monthly meeting on Friday, March 18, 2022. This is the final week of the RooFit competition so we are hoping to discuss that as one of our topics.

Student Engagement & Success

Katey Yinger, April Blood

Discussed UA no longer participating in certain national surveys (NSSE, for example) that would provide benchmark data and no longer participating in certain professional organizations due to budget restraints. Brainstormed ideas for how UA's ""Faculty & Staff"" and ""Current Student"" web pages can be updated and user friendly for quick access to university and regional campus resources.

Talent Development & Human Resources

Linda Leising

Campus Community Outreach