

SEAC University Council Reports

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University Council

Marjorie Hartleben

The chair welcomed everyone to the November meeting, the first in person meeting of the UC in two years. She stated that this is very different for all of us and that it was good to have everyone here today.

The provost began his remarks by emphasizing strategic planning activities, working on most important things on day-to-day basis. The fellows have talked to campus entities and developed five promises to worked on in the strategic plan. It is up to each person to decide how to work on those promises. A lot of faculty, staff and student involvement in this next step, plan is to indicate objectives of your work and hot to track if you are meeting your objectives. The Akron way will connect to our mission as a university. The new website will tell you all about what we've done and what our goals are for the next years. He encouraged everyone to go look at it.

The provost recognized Kris Kraft, a provost fellow, for her work in articulation agreements. He also mentioned that he will be looking for additional fellow with an emphasis on forecasting and modeling in the near future and to watch for that announcement.

Enrollment continues to be an emphasis and the work to remove barriers for our students to come to UA. Looking at our processes and how to make those easier and quicker for them. Things are changing and we want to adapt well. The provost shared that he has been working with Faculty Senate and that they have been a great partner in looking at and discussing how to achieve the goals. He is working with APC now and other Faculty Senate entities on the new transfer models and how to help our students get through that process faster. Steve McKellips is working on targets for admissions and enrollment and those will be coming out soon. Working hard to close the gap by January.

Gwen Price has accepted the position of Vice Provost and will join UA in December. Thank you to Mitchell McKinney and the committee for completing search in four months. Searches continue for the dean of the College of Health and Human Services as well as for the director of Nursing.

Working with the Faculty Senate and their Academic Investment Committee and looking at budget proposals coming from colleges.

There were no questions for the provost.

Dean Nicholson-Sweval shared her presentation.

Constituency Reports:

- GSG – GSG Breakfast Social coming next week, working on compiling resources for improved grad council materials for graduate student orientation. Planning event for next semester and working with Career Services for events next semester.
- USG – a lot happening on campus right now; Diversity Week is this week with a lot of events, USG will be hosting the cultural dance night. Drag Bingo was a great success. Rethinking Race coming in the spring, working on student-led events for that. Men's Soccer team won the MAC conference. The first safety walk will be November 21, seeing transitions in UAPD and with new chief. Parking Week is next week, educating student son parking passes and giving away the use of President Miller's parking spot for a day. A reminder about student mental health as we move into colder days and less light, seasonal depression can set in. Cosponsoring an election night watch party.
- CPAC – held a meeting to elect members to committees.

- SEAC – Ziptastic winner announced, anyone can nominate someone to receive the award, see our website for information. Have been discussing an appreciation for staff with longevity, honorary bricks or a podcast, more information will be coming. Working on bylaws to reflect accepting all staff on campus. Held a lunch mixer on campus on October 27 to allow questions.
- Faculty Senate – approved a Diversity statement for faculty to use on their syllabi.
- Chairs – working on building a better chair/director training process.
- Deans –no report.

University Council Executive Committee

Marjorie Hartleben

Nov 29th 2022 UCEC Meeting

Review of Topic Submissions:

New topic: Bus route - Have a bus route that goes from Fir Hill to the University with the Campus Shuttle.

Referred to Parking.

Discussed where people can find the topic submission resolutions – displayed on UC website, there is an Excel sheet.

Discussed last months Topic Submission replies – ASB Building aware of maintenance needed, will be moving departments to other areas.

Changing the name of Exchange Parking Deck, believe the idea has merit and forwarding to parking to determine renaming costs, etc.

UC Procedural manual – committee has started to combine all comments and have an outline started.

Sarah Kelly wants to provide information about organization analysis and wants to get information out to UC before doing town hall type meetings. Will have her speak in January. Discussed other speakers for remaining UC meetings.

New Business:

By Laws revision should fall under new business for UC

Put Carnegie Definition under the Provost remarks for UC

Discussed how often in person UC meetings should occur, will keep to once a semester for now. Tentatively looking at April as next in person/hybrid meetings.

Discussed Carnegie Definition and that is was not a metric, it was a definition and were only seeking endorsement of the definition. The metrics, and goal setting will be established off the definition.

Old Business: None

Board of Trustees

Gabor Smith

Budget & Finance

Lejeune March

The November 17th meeting was canceled so there is no report this month. The last meeting for the semester will take place today at 2:30 so I will need to leave our SEAC meeting early. Thank you, LeJeune March.

<p>Communications Richard Newsome</p>
<p>Information Technology Steve Patton and Nathan Yost</p> <p>UC-IT appointed Varunee Faii Sangganjanavanich as the chair. An AKR was established "Increase faculty and staff interactions with prospective students both on and off campus. Improve the onboarding process for new staff, faculty and students in the assignment, access, and knowledge of the University modes of communications"</p>
<p>Institutional Advancement - Michele Novachek and Joe Shannon</p>
<p>Physical Environment Max Fightmaster and Joe Shannon</p> <p>General Discussion</p> <p>Space Request 12000-470</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reassignment of space. Departmental classroom in COB 135. Reassigning to academic affairs for online services. Funding has been appropriated, received signatures from Deans. • Vote passes unanimously • Stephen Myers abstained from vote <p>Discuss AKR for PEC (due to UC) for Sept 2022 – Aug 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Space utilization and optimization – work from home and office space for relocation purposes • Max to continue to re-work goals and aspirations. Will send out within the week for approvals. <p>Recommendation for Dec. 15th meeting to be in person to tour Crouse/Ayre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion passed unanimously <p>Safety Walk – 21 NOV 2022 @ 5:30 PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max will be participating • An email will be sent out with exact meeting location to the group if interested in participating <p>New dates for 2023 meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 26th • February 16th • March 16th • April 20th <p>General Updates from Stephen Myers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buckingham McClain Gallery – almost completed, waiting for lighting. Pushed to December for open • Crouse/Ayre still on schedule to finish in January • Polsky Bathrooms – outside custodial staff • Singed next electricity contract

- Center for Precision Manufacturing – work will begin shortly to move material to other areas on campus for the renovation
 - Chick-fil-a will get a refresh in the summer. No Chick-fil-A next summer.
 - Fire alarm project in Bierce should be done soon.
 - Akron Children’s Hospital will be building a clinic on campus. Clearing out space in the field house. Children sports medicine.
 - JAAR renovation is almost complete, just waiting on final inspections. Construction is mostly complete.
 - U of A foundation acquired the odd corner, it will be demolished.
 - Shortlist for architects on Buchtel Common renovation
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- Adding offices to Lebron James Family suites
 - Polysky still in planning phases
 - Starship robots for food delivery, trying to find a place for them. Should be on campus next fall.
 - UCM moving from ASB to Zook Hall
 - Put in wrong turf in Infocision, turf will change in Spring (company made a mistake and will cover the cost). Turf is too short.
 - Soccer field getting new speakers
 - Cleanup around Wonder bread building is complete
 - Camera project is about 92% completed
 - Replacing high temp lines in front of Richie
 - Water main replacement has been bided from the City. Preconstruction meeting should take part in December.
 - Spanton Hall roof getting ready to go to bid

Recreation & Wellness

Gabor Smith and Peggy Walchalk

The regular monthly meeting for November was cancelled; however, we are currently working on plans for the annual Roo Fit kickoff in January 2023. Our next meeting is scheduled for tomorrow December 16th.

Student Engagement & Success

Dr. Gabor Smith

Committee Goals were discussed for the new year. An important goal of focus was the announcements for students and their mediums concerning engagement from staff and faculty. The digest weekly announcements were talked about at length and examples of post topics were discussed from last year.

Talent Development & Human Resources

Matthew Dowd and Martha Reynolds

Campus Community Outreach

Special Committee on Awards and Recognition

Michele Novachek

While the committee has not met as a whole at this time, a communication appeared in the Digest seeking nominations for the 2023 UA Achievement Award recipients. Deans and Department Chairs will be receiving a physical memo requesting nominations before the end of November.

The committee met to choose the winners of the 10/26/2022 costume contest and raffle winners. Event sponsored by the UA Foundation, Alumni Association with gift donations from Alumni Association, Health and Wellness, Rec and Wellness, Barnes and Noble and Aramark. Zippy joined in the fun with more than 70 participants who enjoyed bowling, billiards, good food and great company.

Wayne College

Kim Wise

Did not attend meeting on November 17, 2022.