

## SEAC University Council Reports

Month Reported: January 2023

### University Council

Marjorie Hartleben

### University Council Executive Committee

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University Council FEB 14, 2023

President's remarks:

President Miller unable to attend. Dr. Levy spoke instead. He mentioned they had been in talks with HR about the awards and service awards and will figure out what makes the most sense with that moving forward.

Addressed the shooting at Michigan State, shared his son works there, was uninjured but he said it was a weird day. Stated here at UA doing what we can to prepare, did active shooter training a few weeks ago. Run, Hide, Fight training already has 30 people signed up. We are still a safe campus; the Chief will talk in April to deans and chairs about safety statistics that can be used when talking to families and prospective students. Received Grant from state for weapons detection system to be used at football and basketball games. It is a walk-through detection device.

Dr. Miller is in Columbus meeting with IUC President. Last week he was in Florida, with Kim Cole and they met with Knight foundation regarding things happening around Polsky and how to move forward.

Having a budget meeting tomorrow with the Board, the finance committee meeting, they are changing some of the board structure and how those meetings operate and will start discussing the budget.

State budget information – the Governors budget has 150 million dollars in budget for innovation hubs NOT to be placed in Cleveland, Columbus, or Cincinnati. The Director of Development is coming next week to do a press conference to talk about it. He feels a good portion of that money will be coming to UA, part of it will most likely be used for a Polymer testing area.

Other things in the Governor's budget are an increase in Ohio Opportunity Grant, proposed increase in SSI (money comes to UA from State) increase percentage in that. Changes to Pell grants allow more students to qualify or change cap on grants.

Major Exchange Street renovations beginning in April – traffic signals, road work, etc.

Provost report:

Provost unable to attend. Dr. Gwen Price, Senior VP & Provost will provide the remarks.

Stated she has spent last month or so learning Akron and the departments. Moving forward on the initiatives. She would like to get a group together around Chat GPT. The listening sessions with colleges have been set. Federia, Gwen and John are going College to College and having listening sessions and talking about OAA and will provide opportunities for faculty and staff to interact with them. She has heard encouraging numbers in enrollment.

Asked Steve to provide that information – the application season has gone above expectations in the last few weeks. Application volume has improved. February moves into confirmation season; confirmations are up over last year. Particular growth in international applications. Financial aid packages will be sent the first part of March.

Guest Speakers – Brandon Kiluski, Carly DeBord, Fedearia Nicholson-Sweval – Gave presentation regarding New Student Orientation

Guest Speaker – Christin Seher – Discussed the Carnegie Reclassification and how Carnegie allows opportunity to be recognized for community engagement.

Standing Committee reports - see standing committee individual reports

UC Constituency Reports

Graduate Student Government – Reviewing survey results – had 70 responses. Developing new logo for GSG.

Planning for GSG election cycle.

Undergraduate Student Government- Held downtown Akron focus group to see what students want to have available downtown. Working to finalize a day to visit “Unknown” store in Akron. Will be entering their election cycle.

CPAC- Updates on social committee and first year committee. Met with President Miller.

SEAC – Ziptastic winner, setting up meeting in March with President, waiting on bylaw approval, developing budgetary estimates for bricks and possible podcast.

Faculty Senate – no report

Deans – No report

Chairs –No report

### **Board of Trustees**

Gabor Smith

Did Not Meet

### **Budget & Finance**

Lejeune March

### **Communications**

Richard Newsome

### **Information Technology**

Steve Patton and Nathan Yost

### **Institutional Advancement -**

Michele Novachek and Joe Shannon

## **Physical Environment**

Max Fightmaster and Joe Shannon

The Committee voted to approve and submitted their AKR to UC and the provost

The safety walk was rescheduled for Feb 2nd (attended).

The next safety walk will be on the 20th at 7PM. Anyone who would like to attend can contact Max Fightmaster.

The following are the general updates:

- Exchange St Renovation has been bided by the city. April/May, renovation will start. Construction will last two summers. Bid won by Kenmore
- Akron Water Main – still set to start this spring. May impact water supply to buildings over the summer. Will provide advanced notices of water shutoff. Shutoff should not take too long. Bid won by Kenmore
- Buckingham McClane Gallery is mostly complete
- Center for precision manufacturing. Space has been emptied in preparation for construction.
- Chick-Fil-A getting a refresh in the student union
- Akron Children’s Hospital clinic in Styles filed house. Construction starting March 6th
- JAAR construction is complete, new façade with new lighting.
- Wayne Campus – getting a new HVAC system for the gym
- Buchtel Common contract negotiations
- Ayre/Crouse air handler is on sight (9 months late)
- Wonder bread yard cleanup, waiting for spring to plant grass
- Camera surveillance project 99% done
- Spanton Hall to get a new roof, bids will open soon

## **Recreation & Wellness**

Dr. Gabor Smith and Peggy Walchalk

## **Student Engagement & Success**

Committee will meet next week

## UC STUDENT ENGAGEMENT MEETING AGENDA

Time: 2:30-3:30 PM

Facilitators: Dr. Gabor Smith, J. Eric Veigel, Stacia E. Biddle, Dr. John Messina

2:30 pm Introductory Remarks Around the Table John, Gabor, Eric, Stacia

2:35 pm Old Business

Update on AKR Goals Gabor, Eric

2:40 pm New Business

1.) Allocate someone to work with online services for resource distribution in a consolidated manner on Brightspace via a universal easily identified uniform "button" across the Brightspace navbar, Digest, & consolidated webpage w/short descriptions and latest flyer/brochure. (AKR,1) (AKR,3)

2.) Someone to lead the faculty info-session initiative? (AKR,4)

3.) Distribute support services collection and digest write-ups to committee members. (AKR, 1) (AKR,3)

4.) Faculty Brightspace support volunteers? Someone, to organize the departmental contest? (AKR,2)

5.) The digest announcements can highlight the collected materials and the new button on the email template. Who will make a schedule of announcements for the rest of the semester? Start date? (AKR, 1) (AKR,3) Gabor and open discussion

3:20 pm Next meeting Gabor and open discussion

3:25 pm Good of the order Gabor and open discussion

3:30 pm Meeting Adjourned

## Talent Development & Human Resources

Matthew Dowd and Dr. Gabor Smith

TDHR Agreement upon a communication plan that will provided bi monthly updates to all U of A on the new Employee Performance Process starting with March 2023.

## Campus Community Outreach