

University Council

MINUTES

JUNE 11, 2024

3:00-3:45 PM

LH 208 & TEAMS

MEETING CALLED BY	Tonia Ferrell, chair
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Meeting
PRESIDER	Tonia Ferrell, chair
NOTE TAKER	Heather Loughney
ATTENDEES	<p>Member: Marilia Antunez, Kim Cole, Grace DeWitt, Melissa Dreisbach, Tracie Epner, Ed Evans, Blair Everett, Tammy Ewin, Tonia Ferrell, Megan Frey, Dan Friesner, Sarah Kelly, Kris Kraft, Nate Meeker, John Messina, Linda Saliga, Sonya Wagner, Heather Walter, Nick Weber, John Wiencek</p> <p>Absent with notice: Stacia Biddle, John Corby, Elena Kozma, R.J. Nemer, Maxwell Pastoria</p> <p>Absent without notice: John Huss, Brant Lee, Stephen L. Myers, Varunee Faii Sangganjanavanich, Catherine Strain, Eli Strohecker, Eric Veigel, Julia Wood</p> <p>Other attendees: Suzanne Bausch, Aimee DeChambeau, Heather Howley, Judith Juvancic-Heltzel, Patti Huth, Wendy Lampner, Steve McKellips, Patricia Miller, Fedearia Nicholson-Sweval, Michele Novachek, Christin Seher, Michelle Smith, Mark Stasitis,</p>
Agenda topics:	
<p style="text-align: center;">CALL TO ORDER TONIA FERRELL</p>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. 2. The chair made one correction to the agenda; the removal of the President’s Remarks as President Nemer was unable to attend. The revised agenda was approved. 3. The minutes of the May 14, 2024 meeting 2024-5-14-minutes-university-council-final.docx were approved as distributed.
<p style="text-align: center;">EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT TONIA FERRELL</p>	
	<p>The Executive Committee met May 28 and discussed the following topic submissions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship for International Students – to Student Engagement, include Steve McKellips • Electric Car chargers on campus – to Physical Environment • Student Work Study budget constraints – to Budget/Finance, cc Student Engagement • IT Support Issues –to Information Tech • An update of all TS on spreadsheet and responses was requested. <p>UCEC Invited Steve McKellips to speak on FAFSA at the June UC meeting.</p>

	<p>A discussion regarding the conflict with December UC meeting with BOT meeting – decided to move the UC meeting to the week before (December 3).</p>
<p>PROVOST’S REMARKS</p>	
	<p>Wiencek – have a new president, former dean of COB, search for next dean will happen soon.</p> <p>Forming committee to begin work in summer. Charge and composition in process. We have a new interim Chief Financial officer – Misty Villers appointed to the role. She’ll be giving us an update at a future meeting.</p> <p>There are a lot of questions about the financial situation, can give general comments. But we also have a new president and BOT meets tomorrow to discuss. So not a lot of details yet, converging set of concepts coming together, shared govt will continue to play a role in that. Want to be measured and careful in making decisions. Experiencing a slowdown in HR functions at the moment, trying to move through requests as soon as possible. Still methodical view of hires.</p> <p>Enrollment – FAFSA has thrown curveball on that for all universities. Overall, we’re doing very well considering all that has happened, it has been a good year so far. Flat enrolment, possible up. The challenge will be to get confirmations turned into enrollments, expect people will be closing the gap late due to FAFSA issues. Not out of line given the FAFSA situation. Ohio State opened the ceiling on their freshman class so that affects all of us. If they take too many this year, will they take less next year? We don’t know that yet.</p> <p>There were no questions.</p>
<p>STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE</p>	
	<p>The chair shared a message from the Fellows: they continue to work on implementation of academic plan and are working with President Nemer to bring him on board and to understand his plans. Stay tuned.</p>
<p>GUEST SPEAKER – STEVE MCKELLIPS, VICE PROVOST, ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT</p>	
	<p>Address FAFSA situation:</p> <p>Why does the FAFSA impact me directly? Fundamentally, FAFSA is the only way a student can get a Pell Grant, financial aid, scholarships. The entire country was behind. FAFSA went live on Jan 1 and then crashed. Applicants were locked out if they made a mistake. Some waiting months to be able to get back in. Mid-January we are usually loading packages, we did not get them until March, and many had errors. Had to wait for feds to redo all packages. We were manually printing letters the weekend of March trying to catch up. Workday did not have a good way to package our students, so we had to really work on getting it together.</p>

	<p>Last week we got the packages out to returning students. Our process has now accelerated with our changes to the process. When OSU admits 25% more students, that's 9,000 students who might have come to other schools. Feel like that is a big thing to happen at the moment. Typically, people won't register until they know they are getting money.</p> <p>Question: does that potentially change enrollment dates for students who are trying to decide?</p> <p>McKellips – yes, almost all schools changed their deadline to June 1. Don't know how many schools will extend their deadline. Most schools will be open to late applicants. Students just didn't have enough time to find their money and apply.</p> <p>Question: how should we as faculty who don't have the knowledge that you do, when a student says their package was not what they expected?</p> <p>McKellips – tell them to call financial aid. We can look at their record. This is the kind of stuff where we have well intended populations, and FAFSA has now changed all the formulas. They also forgot to include inflation calculations.</p> <p>Steve shared a PowerPoint presentation</p> <p>The chair thanked Steve for the presentation. There were no questions.</p>
COMMITTEE REPORTS TONIA FERRELL	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget and Finance – have met, nothing new to report. • Institutional Advancement – committee has worked on scholarship presentations.
CONSTITUENCY REPORTS TONIA FERRELL	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSG – all going good. • USG – doing work internally and preparing for next year. • PSAC – met May 20, meet next week. Discussion of what our committee did to help with search and when we might be able to invite President Nemer to a meeting. PSAC put together an event at Rubber Ducks. It is time for new PSAC members and have put out call to new members. • SEAC – seeking nominations for Ziptastic Awards, nominations can be made on our website. • Faculty Senate – no meetings in summer. • Chairs – no meeting this month, busy with enrollment management. <p>The chair pointed out that this is Heather Walter's last meeting as chair representative and thanked her for her service.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deans – getting ready for next year.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
NEW BUSINESS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
GOOD OF THE ORDER	
TONIA FERRELL	
	The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 pm.