

University Council Executive Committee

MINUTES OCTOBER 22, 2024 3:31-4:30 PM TEAMS

MEETING CALLED BY	Tonia Ferrell, Chair
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Meeting
PRESIDER	Tonia Ferrell
NOTE TAKER	Heather Loughney
ATTENDEES	<p>Attendees: Grace DeWitt, Tracie Epner, Ed Evans, Blair Everett, Tonia Ferrell, Kris Kraft, Nate Meeker, John Wiencek, Alison Winters (for GSG)</p> <p>Absent with notice: Megan Frey</p> <p>Absent without notice:</p>
Agenda topics:	
CALL TO ORDER TONIA FERRELL	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The chair called the meeting to order. The agenda was revised by adding discussion of the December 3 UC meeting to New Business. The revised agenda was approved. The minutes of the August 27, 2024, meeting 2024-8-27-minutes-uc-executive-committee-working.pdf were approved as distributed.
TOPIC SUBMISSIONS TONIA FERRELL	
	There was no new topic submissions received. It was noted that President Nemer mentioned the topic submission process in the State of the University address.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS TONIA FERRELL	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UC Participation – no new information on this subject. Guest speakers – Three students involved in Esports will present on their experience and reasons for choosing UA at a future meeting.
NEW BUSINESS TONIA FERRELL	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UPG Discussion – Matt Juravich joined the meeting to discuss UPG and next steps. The discussion involved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UPG's Strategic Role: The UPG, initially created to support strategic planning, has been inactive for 18 months due to organizational changes led by

Provost Fellows. Discussions centered on how UPG can re-engage in the strategic planning process with the new Chief Strategy Officer, D, who emphasized the need to bridge prior planning efforts with future initiatives.

- **Concerns on Implementation:** Members expressed concerns that the current approach may lead to the UPG functioning as a "rubber stamp" committee, with limited influence on the strategic process. Some members highlighted the importance of early involvement and consistent feedback incorporation.
- **Possible Changes to UPG's Function:** Several members discussed potentially shifting UPG's role to advisory or oversight functions, allowing the CSO to lead strategic initiatives while UPG would provide guidance and ask critical questions.
- The December 3 UC meeting was canceled after it was learned that the Service Awards would be taking place on the same date/time. The UC meeting was originally moved to Dec. 3 to avoid the BOT scheduled meeting.
- UC agenda for November 12, 2024 - approved.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

TONIA FERRELL

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.