

University Council

MINUTES

MARCH 11, 2025

3:01 – 3:45 PM

LH 208 AND TEAMS

MEETING CALLED BY	Nate Meeker, vice chair
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Meeting
PRESIDER	Nate Meeker, vice chair
NOTE TAKER	Heather Loughney
ATTENDEES	<p>Members: Marilia Antunez, Stacia Biddle (SES chair), Stephanie Davis-Dieringer (TDHR chair), Grace DeWitt (UCEC), Ed Evans (UCEC), Blair Everett (UCEC), Dan Friesner, John Huss (IA chair), Kris Kraft (secretary, CW chair), Brant Lee, Nate Meeker (vice chair), Linda Saliga (BF chair), Ally Temsey, Amy Trunko, Sonya Wagner, John Wiencek (ex-officio)</p> <p>Members Absent with notice: Karima Elgarroussi (IT chair), Tracie Epner (UCEC), Tonia Ferrell (chair), Megan Frey (UCEC), Faii Sangganjanavanich</p> <p>Members Absent without notice: Elena Kozma, Nicolina Kravljaca, Catherine Strain, Eric Veigel</p> <p>Other attendees: Michelle Banis, Suzanne Bausch, Kelly Bialek, Cristine Boyd, Scott Campbell, Patricia Chapman, Lynne Dwyre, Tammy Ewin (AA), Evi Gorogianni, Kathleen Hauenstein, Patti Huth, Matthew Juravich, Judith Juvancic-Heltzel, Alex Knisely, Wendy Lampner, Olivia Lane, Colleen Lazzaretti, Meredith Merry, John Messina (AA), Suzie Muetzel, Stephen Myers, Melissa Olson, Edward Peel, Gwen Price, Michelle Smith, Mark Stasitis, Nick Weber, Jessica Whitehill, Katie Willis, Mia Yaniko</p> <p>AA – appointed administrators BOT – Board of Trustee member UCEC – members of the University Council Executive Committee</p>
CALL TO ORDER NATE MEEKER	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The vice chair called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm. 2. The vice chair moved the report of the ad hoc Social Engagement committee ahead of the Talent Development and Human Resources committee. The revised agenda was approved. 3. The minutes of the February 11, 2025 meeting 2025-2-11-minutes-university-council-working.docx were approved as distributed.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT NATE MEEKER	
	<p>EC met February 25 and discussed a topic submission regarding the Administrative Transformation process, UCEC to attend some meetings. Topic submission on Rethinking Race that came to UCEC; the UCEC response will be that it is not feasible for the UCEC to be the oversight for all campus events. EC also discussed upcoming speakers and reviewed the proposed changes to the CPAC agreement.</p>

PROVOST'S REMARKS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International student taskforce working to increase enrollment of international students. Two taskforces were created to work in the areas of student services and to create policy issues on campus. They have had four meetings so far. Looking at what we want to achieve with this work. • Enrollment update – looking good this year, up on applications, admitted students up 2%
CHIEF STRATEGY OFFICER REMARKS MATT JURAVICH	
	Matt was not available today but is working towards a larger report for next month.
GUEST SPEAKER – USG presentation – Grace DeWitt, president and Oliva Lane	
	<p>Grace and Oliva shared a presentation USG Presentation for UC Meeting.pptx</p> <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Really a comment, amazed at everything that USG does, great for the university and great presentation of students. Hope we are doing everything we can to support their work.
COMMITTEE REPORTS NATE MEEKER	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awards – all committees have met, and award recipients will be announced shortly. Congratulations to all who received the awards. • Budget/Finance – met in the past month, Steve McKellips attended to discuss scholarships, received an update on properties. • Campus Wellness – finishing up RooFit, winners will be announced in next few weeks. • Communications – website under development for campus information from president. • Information Technology – met last week, sent recommendation to UCEC for review, more details at the next UC meeting. Classroom survey sent out, results at April meeting. • Institutional Advancement – director of Development came to our meeting, discussed fundraising priorities and general discussion of bragging rights at UA; EJ Thomas, School of Art, Dance and Theatre Administration, among others. Head shots are available in Law Schol now. • Physical Environment – we meet Thursday of each month, at February meeting reviewed space requests, participated in safety walks, reporting surveillance of lighting issues. March 12 is the last safety walk from 5:30-6:30 pm, meet at EJ Thomas. • Student Engagement and Success – no report. • Talent Development and Human Resources – get from Stephanie

Sarah Kelly – other change in rule was proposed non-renewal, did same with Reduction in Force to make both 45 days warning. Clarification for those separated without cause, change to paid leave

PSAC response: Way in which information is communication to campus is important, change to pay will cause alarm if not communicated correctly, state number affected as part of communication, not about being downsizing. People will have questions; messaging needs to come from the central committee. Recommend a phone number or email attached to communication.

Questions:

- There is a sort of standardization to sister institutions, are they similar?
Sarah Kelly – yes, most around 90-day timeframe.
- Social Engagement – no report.

CONSTITUTENCY REPORTS

NATE MEEKER

- GSG – in election season, new election strategy. A leadership summit was held. Mental health event for grad students and meet the candidate events. Partnered with Student Bar Assoc.
- USG
 - Pride Flag Update: USG explored the possibility of an executive order to install a permanent pride flag display in the Student Union. Ultimately, we are now exploring new avenues through a senate resolution. Since then, more work has been done to gauge additional student perspectives and voices to reach a shared solution. That will be presented on the USG Senate floor tonight so more to come on that later.
 - Safety Walk - the last one is next Wednesday at 5:30pm for the Polsky and College of Business area. All are welcome to attend. The group (along with UAPD) walks around campus and identifies safety issues to report. Let me know if you are interested in attending.
 - Mental Health Monday for sleep awareness during midterms - Monday, March 10th from 12:00pm - 2:00pm in the Student Union Concourse
 - Women's Empowerment Summit - March 20th from 7:00pm - 10:00pm in Student Union Room 312
 - Lots of other collaborations and projects coming
- **Projects/Initiatives:**
 - Election is still ongoing for next year's senators, president, and vice president of the undergraduate student body. Voting is the week before Spring Break, so please encourage your students to check their email and vote using their unique voting link.
 - The Presidential Debate is this upcoming Monday at 6:00pm in the Student Union Room 312. It is a contested race so encourage others to attend and hear from both tickets.
 - Brightspace survey has launched to gauge student interest on a variety of topics related to Brightspace. We had the privilege of getting feedback from Dr. Price on the survey, so thank you for that assistance.
 - Those are the highlights, but there are more projects and initiatives to come!
 - New president and vice president will attend next UC meeting.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSAC – Met 2/17 online, discussed feedback from meeting with president, made suggestions for future meetings with campus leaders. Social Eng and spring plans, called back EC staff to discuss. • SEAC – next meeting March 20. • FS – met last week, voted on elements of proposed changes to GenEd, passed motion to flex Arts/Humanities. Vote no to make speech elective. A question was asked to clarify vote on speech. Representative Evans responded that there were three elements in the proposal; one was to make speech an elective. Senate voted down that motion. Speech will remain required in GenEd. • Chairs – no report • Deans – halfway point of semester, grades are in, and changes made, getting ready to admit students.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
NEW BUSINESS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.
GOOD OF THE ORDER	
TONIA FERRELL	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. <p>The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.</p>