

Standing Committee Name

MINUTES

DATE: APRIL 1, 2020

TIME: 2:30

LOCATION: TEAMS

MEETING CALLED BY	Shiva Sastry, chair	
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular Bi - weekly	
PRESIDER	Shiva Sastry, chair	
NOTE TAKER	Ruth Nine- Duff for Jessica DeFago, secretary	
ATTENDEES	<p>Members in attendance: Steve Storck, Shiva Sastry, William Cole, Mike Cheung, Jarrod Tudor, Linda Saliga, Ruth Nine-Duff, Isaiah Smith</p> <p>Absent with notice: Jessica DeFago</p> <p>Absent without notice: Dominic Cardarelli, Suresh Narute, Paanii Robertson-Laryea, Wan Yu</p> <p>Other attendees: none</p>	
Agenda topics:		
2:30 – 2:35	CALL TO ORDER	SHIVA SASTRY
DISCUSSION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The chair called the meeting to order. He asked for additions to the agenda. There being none, the agenda was approved as distributed by unanimous consent. 2. The minutes for the prior meeting were unavailable and will be provided for approval at the next meeting 	
2:35 -2:40	PRESIDENT RESPONSE TO TAX RESOLUTION	SHIVA
DISCUSSION	<p>Copies will be distributed, and we need to get onboard with the response:</p> <p><i>I do not accept the recommendation of the University Council related to the issue of charging \$1 in academic year salary for every \$2 in non-academic year salary on externally funded research grants. The existing policy applies only to funding agencies which permit these direct costs, indicating that the agencies themselves understand (and expect) that faculty work year-round on research projects. The 1:2 ratio of academic year salary vs. summer salary is a very conservative approach to helping UA’s research mission rely less on the General Fund by shifting some of the cost to the external entities that sponsor this research. I am an adamant champion for The University of Akron maintaining its status as a highly-regard public research university while balancing the financial realities of the cost of doing such research.</i></p>	

2:40 – 2:45	DEAN'S REPORT	JARROD
DISCUSSION	<p>The Deans are triaging to help students. We are lending out computers and helping with internet access for students and staff. They are contacting students that have not yet visited Bright Space. The RTP deadline for the interest letter has been extended to April 30th. Everyone basically gets an extra year in their probationary period. All Summer courses will probably be online. Some universities are also putting together plans to offer only online courses for Fall. They are watching Summer and Fall enrollment and reaching out to students. Swipe card access to the College of Wayne has been suspended.</p>	
2:45 – 2:50	CHAIR'S REPORT	MIKE
DISCUSSION	<p>Chairs have not met.</p> <p>Day 3 of online instruction and no major problems have surfaced. Mike had trouble pulling in students into the online classes, had to be pulled in one at a time. He is working with ITL and IT members for suggestions. Brightspace has changed terms with our online classes making it less attractive to faculty. We might need to update our version of Brightspace. There has been an increase in transient permission slips because students are not sure if classes will be held. A decision needs to be made soon. Chemical Engineering Chairs across the country are communicating and collaborating. Perhaps a town hall for students would be beneficial.</p>	
2:50 – 3:05	GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS	ALL
DISCUSSION	<p>Will in Development reports fund raising is going well and there is a special fund-raising effort for the laptops etc. to help our students. One donor from McDonalds donated gift cards to Zip Assist. Gift certificates to Acme have also been purchased. Development is working with Deans and their fund-raising priorities. The goal is to get more funds donated to spendable cash rather than endowments. Many donors have the Teams program and are enjoying the virtual meetings.</p> <p>Linda is mainly worried about assessment. FS has been meeting regularly with the provost and president. They are consulting with Faculty Senate about the decisions that are being made. Most faculty are generally doing well with online learning.</p> <p>Ruth shared that the University Council Executive committee met as usual and that the April 14th meeting of University Council will be conducted using Teams.</p> <p>Isaiah – students doing well, and student assistants are still being paid. Questions about student tutoring availability is a concern. Steve, Shiva, Linda and Mike will follow up with options. Some students have lost their outside part-time jobs. Several companies were identified that are hiring to fill their short-term needs.</p>	
3:05 – 3:25	CFO	STEPHEN
DISCUSSION	<p>The Board of Trustees meeting will be held virtually, and no committee meetings will be held. Tuition and fees will go to the board in June. Confirmations are down for Summer and Fall. Budget model will show revenues at a reduced figure. Refunds are being calculated for room & board, facilities fees, meal plans and transportation fees. They are trying to get them processed by April. Steve has been in frequent meetings with The Inter-University Council of Ohio (IUC).</p>	

	Budget planning is ongoing. Nathan, Amy and Steve are working with administrators to get a better understanding of where we will be in FY 21. With the economy and so many people losing jobs, enrollment might be impacted. The stock market performance will also affect the endowment funds.
3:25	MEETING WAS ADJOURNED