

# University Council

MINUTES

MARCH 12, 2024

3:02-3:20 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><b>Member:</b> Marilia Antunez, Alia Baig, Stacia Biddle, Alexis Currie, Melissa Dreisbach, Tracie Epner, Ed Evans, Tonia Ferrell, Dan Friesner, Kris Kraft, Nate Meeker, Stephen L. Myers, Linda Saliga, Varunee Faii Sangganjanavanich, Sonya Wagner, Heather Walter, Nick Weber, Julia Wood</p> <p><b>Absent with notice:</b> John Corby, Gary Miller, John Wiencek</p> <p><b>Absent without notice:</b> Kim Cole, Grace DeWitt, Blair Everett, Tammy Ewin, Cam Feezel, Dallas Grundy, John Huss, Sarah Kelly, Brant Lee, John Messina, Deb Owens, Catherine Strain, Eli Strohecker, Eric Veigel,</p> <p><b>Other attendees:</b> Aimee DeChambeau, Emily Janoski-Haehlen, Judith Juvancic-Heltzel, Meredith Merry, Scott Roberts, Jessica Whitehill</p>
Agenda topics:	
	CALL TO ORDER <span style="float: right;">TONIA FERRELL</span>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The chair called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.</li> <li>2. The agenda was approved as distributed.</li> <li>3. The minutes of the <a href="#">February 13, 2024</a> meeting were approved as distributed.</li> </ol>
	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT <span style="float: right;">TONIA FERRELL</span>
	<p>The Executive Committee met February 27 and discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Topic Submission – Parking Lot Closure Safety – referred to Physical Environment, -Marketing Support – referred to Communications.</li> <li>• Reviewed guest speakers – moved BF presentation to April due to BOT meeting conflicts. April will also have Fedearia Nicholson-Sweval presenting on Complete College America and First Year Experience.</li> <li>• Changes to language for Student Engagement and Success committee description – to include “review and approval of scholarship policies” to include portion of description from FS Student Affairs committee which is being sunsetted by FS. Steve McKellips joined the meeting to discuss scholarship review policies and use of SES moving forward.</li> <li>• Reviewed Drug Free Workplace policy, no comments at that time.</li> <li>• Discussion of need for volunteers for Awards committee to do reviews and also need nominations for awards.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Esports team in finals.</li> </ul>
<b>STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE</b>	
	<p>The chair shared an update – Save the date, April 17, 2-4 pm for strategic planning kickoff event, all UC members are invited. Invitations coming via email.</p>
<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>TONIA FERRELL</b></span>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awards – in process of evaluating and will have winners in a few weeks; will be announced at May 7 banquet.</li> <li>• Budget and Finance – met Feb. 27 – Misty Villers joined committee, discussed budget updates and mid-year review. Said farewells to Dallas and thanked him for his service.</li> <li>• Campus Wellness – Roofit completed; had 152 participants, 40,000 points submitted. KSU won the step challenge.</li> <li>• Communications – no report.</li> <li>• Information Technology – meeting with IT group to review feedback from semesters to create a more streamlined job aide for the Workday implementation for students and faculty. April enrollment will be the launch.</li> <li>• Institutional Advancement – no report.</li> <li>• Physical Environment – reviewing space requests and two members are participating in a nationwide campus safety survey.</li> <li>• Student Engagement and Success – filling several vacancies on the committee, submitting Digest items. Goals for next year were discussed and events to pull together students, faculty and staff.</li> <li>• Talent Development and Human Resources – discussed update on performance review, drug free workplace and Workday help and learning, compliance training, RX plans and topic submission response.</li> <li>• Ad hoc Social Engagement – Food Truck event coming April 1, 11 am – 2 pm; Eddie’s Cheesesteaks and Farmhand Coffee will be here. Announcement coming in Digest.</li> </ul>
<b>CONSTITUENCY REPORTS</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>TONIA FERRELL</b></span>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GSG –very busy past month – applications ending for pres, vp and treasurer, new body elected by spring break. Also working on selecting student life award recipients. Applicants for all 4 awards. Working in collaboration with student bar association for student trustee positions. Feb some members volunteered at Foodbank. Programming for grad student appreciation in April. Looking to do a drop in event during that week.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• USG –passed First Day Textbook. USG elections are taking place now. Should know next president next Friday. Student trustees applicants were discussed. USG filming intro videos on Workday.</li> <li>• PSAC – met February 26, and did feedback from social events; talk about grievance rules, UCEC to discuss. The committee voted to rescind some of the rules on grievances, processes are not clear.</li> <li>• SEAC – committee met February 15 – discussed UC vacancies.</li> <li>• Faculty Senate – no report.</li> <li>• Chairs – met last week and invited Steve McKellips to speak on scholarships, discussion on adapting to new process and using Slate.</li> <li>• Deans – we have the same issue with scholarships, also working on reallocation process - that is ongoing.</li> </ul>
<b>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>
<b>GOOD OF THE ORDER</b>	
<b>TONIA FERRELL</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sonya Wagner shared information on the UA on Display event which will be held on Tuesday, March 19th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Multipurpose Room at Wayne College. Students will be able to meet with representatives from all of the Baccalaureate Colleges from The University of Akron including the College of Business Administration, College of Arts and Sciences, School of Education, College of Engineering, College of Health Professions, Wayne College, and many more UA departments and services.</li> <li>• Chair Ferrell expressed her thanks to Dallas Grundy for his work at UA; he became transparent as the CFO to us and was always willing to answer questions about the budget and was essential during his time here.</li> </ul> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 pm.</p>