

University Council

MINUTES

JULY 9, 2024

3:02-3:24 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, Stacia Biddle, Kim Cole, Grace DeWitt, Melissa Dreisbach, Tracie Epner, Ed Evans, Tammy Ewin, Tonia Ferrell, Dan Friesner, John Huss, Sarah Kelly, Kris Kraft, Stephen L. Myers, R.J. Nemer, Maxwell Pastoria, Linda Saliga, Catherine Strain, Sonya Wagner, Nick Weber, John Wiencek</p> <p>Absent with notice: John Corby, Megan Frey, Elena Kozma, Nate Meeker, John Messina, Varunee Faii Sangganjanavanich,</p> <p>Absent without notice: Blair Everett, Brant Lee, Eric Veigel, Julia Wood</p> <p>Other attendees: Matthew Akers, Phillip Allen, Michelle Banis, Suzanne Bausch, Kelly Bialek, Christine Boyd, Bernadette Citano, Celeste Cook, Aimee DeChambeau, Melinda Grove, Marlene Huff, Brian Humm, Patti Huth, Emily Janoski-Haehlen, Judith Juvancic-Heltzel, Steve McKellips, Paula Neugebauer, Daniel Reichert, John Reilly, Deanne Reynolds, Scott Roberts, Christin Seher, Mark Stasitis, David Szalay, Patrick Tabatcher, Misty Villers, Jessica Whitehill, Morgan Yanke</p>
Agenda topics:	
	<p>CALL TO ORDER TONIA FERRELL</p>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The chair called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm. The chair made one correction to the agenda: the removal of the report from the Provost Fellows. This will be permanent. The revised agenda was approved. The minutes of the June 11, 2024 meeting 2024-6-11-minutes-university-council-final.pdf were approved as distributed.
	<p>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT TONIA FERRELL</p>
	<p>The chair stated that due to the current financial situation, the strategic planning fellows will no longer be working on UPG. She shared her thanks to Erin Makarius, Angela Hartsock and Matt Juravich for their work and collaboration on the strategic vision documents and for their work on the plan.</p> <p>The Executive Committee met June 25, there were no new topic submissions received, but there was discussion about the procedure for handling incoming submissions. When a submission is received it will be posted in the UCEC Teams folder for review and discussion, a decision will be posted in the Teams folder on what committee it will be sent to. If a submission requires more discussion before being forwarded, that will take</p>

place at the next UCEC meeting. The chair will share topic submission updates at each UC meeting.

The guest speaker list was discussed and possible speakers for the upcoming year were discussed. If anyone has an idea for someone they would like to speak to the UC, please contact Chair Ferrell.

UCEC discussed Copilot and its use in committee meetings. The chair communicated with committee leaders and only one committee responded favorably to the use of Copilot in their meetings. There was concern about recording meetings where members might not have protection. Concerns will be discussed. There was also discussion on the transition in university leadership.

PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

Nemer - thanks for the opportunity to speak today. Been about 2 months since I took this on, many have received the survey, thank you to those who have completed it. Have had time to make my own observations but thought it was time to hear from you. Thank you to Tammy and her team for their help. Over 600 responses were received. Still in the process of reading. Why am I doing it? Will use in conjunction of using ideas to put together committees on various number of topics to address as a university community. Would like everyone to be able to participate. Who we are and what we are in the next chapter. Rethinking the budget and making decisions is tough but needed and have to decide what we need to do to get to the next chapter. The best lesson from the survey was that once the survey went out right before the holiday, we had about 400-500 responses in the first hour. People really have something to say. Want to keep that momentum going, give everyone the opportunity to share. Look forward to sharing more of that with you. Meet with BOT and UA leadership tomorrow to discuss our way forward. Tammy will announce who won the parking spots soon. Look forward to meeting all of you. Hope those of you who are off are enjoying their time.

Questions:

- Last year, Becky Erickson and Wendy Lampner led an effort to get a lot of the same responses from campus as those in the survey. You might want to reach out to them for the information they gathered.

Nemer – have seen some information from the Provost Fellows and would like to see the information from them as well to see if things have changed.

- Large response would indicate you still have a critical mass of people who care. That has not changed. The population of those who care shrinks and grows. Glad to hear you received such a large response.

Nemer – appreciate the thoughts that were sent in, not just one-word replies. We have something wonderful here, something worth growing and protecting.

PROVOST’S REMARKS

Wiencek – First item is enrollment; we’re tracking an expected lag in confirmations, OSU increased their draw, so we expected to see more students go to them. A lot of potential upside is on the international side. Strategically allocating money to respond to

	<p>a drop. We must wait to see how responses go. Headed into a strong year but FAFSA fiasco has affected everyone. Could be a potential rebound.</p> <p>Leading shared governance to give overview of BOT discussions and moving forward. Feel that there are many areas on the communication front to be addressed. Future of graduate school and decision making with Faculty Senate, this is a faculty-based decision. In general, the president and BOT have ideas of groups to employ to create our vision moving forward. A lot of work to be done and by fall hope to have specific action items to work on.</p> <p>There were no questions.</p>
COMMITTEE REPORTS TONIA FERRELL	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awards – will start meeting in October. • Budget and Finance – brainstorming and meeting. <p>-a question was asked about how the group going to be participating in budgeting process moving forward. Chair Saliga responded that the last meeting had a lot more discussion and brainstorming than in the past. Discussions going on and think it's getting better.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus Wellness – have met, have some great ideas coming up. If you're interested in helping with "Banana Day" that is happening on campus, being done at other schools, we are looking at how we can do it here. Getting some fun competition going on. • Communications – currently no chair, no report. • Information Technology – no report. • Institutional Advancement – no report. • Physical Environment – things going well, received three topic submissions and will respond later this month. • Student Engagement – received three topic submissions in June, we took those into consideration; Steve McKellips gave us an update on International students, Polsky topic submission was sent to Aramark, John responded to the topic submission on student employment. • Talent Development – no report. • Social Engagement – watch Digest for August event.
CONSTITUENCY REPORTS TONIA FERRELL	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSG – no report. • USG – doing internal work and focus on next semester.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSAC – no report. • SEAC – no report. • Faculty Senate – no meetings in summer. • Chairs – no report. • Deans – finished budget cycle, moving to getting students in the door.
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 3:24 pm.