

University Council Executive Committee

MINUTES

MARCH 31, 2020

2:30 – 3:05 PM

MICROSOFT TEAMS

MEETING CALLED BY	Ruth Nine-Duff, chair	
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Meeting	
PRESIDER	Ruth Nine-Duff, chair	
NOTE TAKER	Kim Haverkamp	
ATTENDEES	<p>Attendees: Phil Allen, Jeanette Carson, Tonia Ferrell, Marjorie Hartleben, Ruth Nine-Duff, Mark Okocha, Linda Saliga, Julia Spiker, Harvey Sterns, Joe Urgo</p> <p>Absent with notice: Amanda Stefin</p> <p>Absent without notice: None</p>	
Agenda topics:		
2:30-2:35	CALL TO ORDER	RUTH NINE-DUFF
DISCUSSION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The chair called the meeting to order and asked for additions to the agenda. There being none, the agenda was approved by unanimous consent. The chair asked for additions or corrections to the February 25 Executive Committee minutes. There being none, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent. 	
2:35-2:45	UNFINISHED BUSINESS	RUTH NINE-DUFF
DISCUSSION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Research Policy Suspension motion response was received from President Miller. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Miller does not accept the recommendation. 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. The response will be sent to the Budget and Finance Committee Cloud ERP motion response was received from President Miller <ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Miller is forwarding the resolution to Interim Chief Financial Officer Stephen Storck, Vice President of Operations Nathan Mortimer and Chief Information Officer John Corby for their consideration in developing a path forward on this matter. They are keenly aware of the issues surrounding our enterprise software. The response will be sent to the Information Technology Committee 	

2:45-2:55	TOPIC SUBMISSIONS	RUTH NINE-DUFF
DISCUSSION	<p>Employee Discount response was received from the Talent Development and HR Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee investigated what Kent State University and other state universities are providing employees and recommend a product like the Best Benefits Club that offers discounts to the employees without cost to the employers. Best Benefits Club charges the vendors who advertise and offer discounts on the website instead of charging employees or employers. Students also could take advantage of these discounts. • The topic will be sent to the Purchasing Department, in consultation with Human Resources, Student Affairs, and the Office of General Counsel, for consideration implementation of a no-cost solution to offer discounts to University of Akron employees and students. 	

2:55-3:05	NEW BUSINESS	RUTH NINE-DUFF
Discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The UCEC reviewed the April 14 UC agenda and the following were discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is important to meet and hear from the President and Provost • Invite Janet Bean, Associate Provost for Teaching, Learning and Assessment, to discuss how UA is adjusting to online instruction • Add agenda item to New Business to prompt Ruth to ask the UC body for feedback on how their transitions to virtual work, teaching or courses has gone/is going • Remove In-Depth Standing Committee Report • Kim will ask Standing Committees to submit reports via OneDrive • The UC officers will decide if Microsoft Teams or WebEx will be used for the April 14 UC meeting (Faculty Senate is using WebEx for their April meeting) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Microsoft Teams has the capability to hold an anonymous vote 2. Provost Urgo mentioned that the dean searches are paused because we cannot hire deans without faculty on campus. An announcement about the provost search should be coming soon. <p>The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.</p>	