



University  
of Houston  
Clear Lake

## University Council Minutes

*December 8, 2022, 2:01 p.m. (Forest Room and Virtual Teams Meeting) | Meeting Called to Order by  
Richard Walker, President*

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### In Attendance

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**UC Members:** Amber Brown, Mark Denney, Gigi Do, Neal Dugre, Kathleen Garland, LeeBrian Gaskins, Miguel Gonzalez, Kara Hadley-Shakya, Rebecca Huss-Keeler, Angela Kelling, Renee Lastrapes, Beth Lewis, Kathryn Matthew, Christopher Maynard, Vivienne McClendon, Timothy Michael, Veronica Ortiz, Joan Pedro, Tina Powellson, David Rachita, Timothy Richardson, Joseph Staley, Edward Waller, Christine Walther, Paul Withey

**Ex-Officio Members:** David Brittain, Natalie Pecknold, Daniel Ramirez, Wayne Salle, Yolanda Nimmer-Williams, Brice Yates

**Designee:** Mary Short

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### ACTION ITEMS

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#### Approval of Minutes

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The minutes from the November 10, 2022, meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

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#### Academic Council

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Provost Maynard presented eight items that were approved by Academic Council from the Faculty Senate committee on November 17, 2022. A revised policy on certificates was passed this year to ensure all certificates throughout the University completely go through the shared governance process and are approved. Dr. Lastrapes explained that there were two minors from Literacy, five certificates, and CLEP AP. CLEP and AP credits will not be capped at 30 hours. Anyone coming in with more than 30 hours would be accepted in alignment with what they do in the system.

The motion presented – motion approved.

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### INFORMATION ITEMS

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#### Academic Council

Chair, Dr. Christopher Maynard

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No agenda items.

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## **Facilities and Support Services Committee (FSSC)**

Chair, Dr. Rebecca Huss-Keeler

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Dr. Huss-Keeler presented on the internal Wayfinding committee being reconstituted with representatives across UHCL. FSSC will review sections of the existing UHCL Master Plan from 2017 starting in January.

Several items were discussed with the Parking Committee, but no actions were taken. These items will be considered by Mr. Kitchen and voted on during the next Parking meeting in January.

- Parking for retirees
- Parking codes
- Warnings for parking violations
- Cash payment process
- Handicapped areas
- USA parking slots location

Dr. Walker announced that the Civic Engagement group committee would continue to work with Harris County. This will allow UHCL to continue to serve as a polling location for early and regular voting. UHCL was the only site to exceed early voting expectations.

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## **University Life Committee (ULC)**

Chair, Dr. Angela Kelling

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Dr. Kelling reported that the student center fee budget for fiscal years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 was approved. ULC bylaws were updated.

Mr. Denney presented that the Texas Education Code requires ULC to review the budget for the Student Center fee. We currently charge \$30 a semester, and the education code allows the student center fee to go up to \$40. The proposal for 2022-2023 is to use the fund balance to pay for the referendum costs. There is a proposal for modest upgrades within the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Student Center. They do not have cost estimates for some renovations to support the Hawk Pantry, Clothing Closet, and the relocation of the Orientation and New Student Programs office. Currently, the fund balance is over \$700,000 a year.

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## **Planning and Budget Committee (PBC)**

Chair, Dr. Timothy Michael

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No agenda items.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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UHCL received SACSCOC reaffirmed for the next 10 years with no additional reports required.

Commencement will be held on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, at NRG Arena.

University-wide Holiday Open Houses starting December 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>.

Investiture Information:

- Scholarship Fundraising Gala – Thursday, January 26 – NASA Hilton
- Investiture and Reception – Friday, January 27 – Bayou Theater

Board of Regents meeting and retreat November 30<sup>th</sup> – December 1<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Walker will provide an update on the annual master plan.

## **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

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UH, Cougars ranked #1 in basketball in the United States.

Dr. Pedro announced COE is hosting the Doctoral ceremony today. There are 13 Doctoral candidates.

Mr. Denney mentioned that the new furniture was set up in the Patio Café.

Dr. Walker said the late-night breakfast for finals had a very good turnout.

## **Next Meeting**

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**February 9, 2022, | 2:00 p.m., Forest Room, and Virtual via Teams**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.