



University  
of Houston  
Clear Lake

## University Council Minutes

*February 14, 2019 2:00 p.m. (Bayou Classroom 1302) | Meeting Called to Order by Dr. Ira K. Blake, President*

### In Attendance

Elizabeth Beavers, Steven Berberich, Caroline Crawford, Laura Guerrero, Rebecca Huss-Keeler, Heather Kanenberg, Nick Kelling, Mike McMullen, Daniel Maxwell, Timothy Michael, Marlene Richards, Brian Stephens, Chris Ward, Joyce Delores Taylor

ABSENT: Missie Adkins, De'Awn Bunch, Dwayne Busby, Mark Denney, Lisa Gossett, Eric Herrera, Izuh Ikpeama, Ju Kim, Usha Mathew, Kathryn Matthew, Mark Shermis, Chris Ward

GUEST/ ALTERNATE: Dr. Scott Richardson, Dr. Felix Simieou

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes from December 13, 2018 were reviewed and one minor correction was made in the Planning and Budget Committee report on Page 3, first paragraph (Change from Dr. Richardson to Dr. Michaels). A motion was made to approve the minutes as revised and seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

### Academic Council

#### Vision Mission and Value Statement

Dr. Berberich reported a draft of the Vision, Mission and Values statement was reviewed by a 25 member taskforce chaired by Dr. Wooten and Dr. Pedro. The statement was unanimously approved by Faculty Senate and Academic Council and is now being presented for approval by University Council. Dr. Berberich added the statement will also assist in the Strategic Planning process. A question was raised whether the document would be presented as a working document to the Board of Regents meeting scheduled on February 28, 2019. It was determined the deadline had already passed for agenda items. After further discussion, Dr. Blake proposed recommendation for the endorsement of the Vision Mission and Value Statement going forward as a working document for the Strategic Planning process. She also recognized Dr. Wooten, Dr. Pedro and taskforce members for their work in preparing the document. There being no further comments or questions, the endorsement was unanimously approved.

#### University Life

##### Workplace Violence and Intimidation Policy

Dr. Blake introduced Dr. Scott Richardson, Chief Compliance and Diversity Officer, in the Title IX Office. Dr. Richardson was invited to the meeting to provide his expertise and to ensure the Workplace Violence and Intimidation Policy is in compliance with all federal, state and Board of Regents policies.

Dr. McGonagle reported the Workplace Violence and Intimidation policy has been in the development phase for some time and provides an infrastructure on how to address these specific situations. Dr. McGonagle added that there is currently no policy in place. A question was raised if the policy was retroactive to previous

occurrences. Dr. Blake advised that previous issues would be addressed, but no policies will be retroactive. Discussion followed related to time limits on reporting. There are no time limits on reporting. Dr. Richardson emphasized that Title IX is defined as any misconduct and that Title IX and Title VII are interconnected. After further discussion, it was determined additional training would be required and additional clarification related to mandatory reporting would be added to the policy. A motion was made to recommend endorsement to implement the mandatory policy. The endorsement was unanimously approved.

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## **Information Items – University Shared Governance Committee Reports**

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### **Academic Council**

Nothing to report.

### **Facilities and Support Services Committee**

Nothing to report

### **University Life Committee**

Nothing to report

### **Planning and Budget Committee**

Nothing to report

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## **President's Report**

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Dr. Blake updated the committee on the legislative hearings held in Austin on February 13, 2019.

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## **Announcements**

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Dr. Blake asked each committee member to share a piece of good news.

Dr. Berberich reported the Student Open House is scheduled for Saturday, February 16, 2019.

Spring 2019 Commencement will be restructured with the Colleges of HSH and CSE being presented together.

The Board of Regents Meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. The public is welcome to attend in the Garden Room and an overflow room will be located in the Forest Room. Dr. Blake stated this is an opportunity for UHCL to shine and to please express appreciation to the FMC ground crew, maintenance and staff who are making our facility look great in preparation for this important meeting.

Dr. Blake noted that a UHCL student will present a narrative at the Board of Regents meeting regarding his positive experience with faculty and overall experience as a student while at UHCL. Dr. Blake also added this meeting is an incredible opportunity for UHCL to highlight students, faculty and staff.

Dr. Heather Kanenburg reported 24 seniors are currently enrolled in their final year of internship and set to graduate in May. A total of 18 students have received early acceptance to graduate school.

Dr. McGonagle reported the Johnson Space Center (JSC) held a career awareness resource meeting during the recent government shutdown. UHCL participated and was represented by faculty members Dr. McMullen and Dr. Stephens.

Dr. Blake attended Mayor Tom Reid's State of the City address in Pearland. Three slides in his presentation promoted UHCL. Dr. Blake further added that the Mayor and many alumni in Pearland are offering their support. UHCL is developing a two plan strategy which will consist of annual and strategic planning for all locations.

Joyce Delores Taylor reported five alums served on a HSH panel (Common Reader) and are providing paid internships.

- Dr. Huss-Keeler announced that she has recently been appointed by the Governor to the Texas Early Learning Council. Dr. Huss-Keeler will be serving a four (4) year term. She stated it was an honor to be appointed and to represent UHCL

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## **Next Meeting**

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**March 14, 2019 | 2:00 p.m., Forest Room**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.