



University
of Houston
Clear Lake

University Council Minutes

*February 9, 2023, 2:02 p.m. (Forest Room and Virtual Teams Meeting) | Meeting Called to Order by
Richard Walker, President*

In Attendance

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

Ex-Officio Members: David Brittain, Natalie Pecknold, Yolanda Nimmer-Williams, Daniel Ramirez, Wayne Sallee

Alternates: Patrick Cardenas, Chloris Yue, Heather Kanenberg, Bubba Jones

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the December 8, 2022 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Academic Council

Post-tenure performance review policy was presented by Faculty Senate and Faculty Life Committee. The policy establishes a process for evaluating the performance of tenured faculty over multiple annual review periods, identifying tenured faculty who exhibit a pattern of repeatedly failing to meet the minimum expectations for their contracted professional responsibilities.

Motion passed – 1 no, 1 abstention

INFORMATION ITEMS

Academic Council

Chair, Dr. Christopher Maynard

No Information items.

Facilities and Support Services Committee (FSSC)

Chair, Dr. Rebecca Huss-Keeler

Dr. Huss-Keeler informed everyone that Dr. Hamidi is the chair of the Parking and Transportation committee. No items were voted on at the last meeting, the committee is hoping to vote at the next meeting. Mr. Denney reviewed the first two sections of the master plan which will be reviewed section by section. An administrative policy overview was done.

Mr. Denney mentioned that the typical life of a master plan is 10 years, and we are at the midpoint. The physical spaces are being reviewed to see if the items are still relevant.

University Life Committee (ULC)

Chair, Dr. Angela Kelling

No information items.

Planning and Budget Committee (PBC)

Chair, Dr. Timothy Michael

Dr. Michael reminded everyone that Mr. Denney is presenting this week and next on the Financial State of the University. Mr. Denney went over some of the financial challenges A&F is faced with and understanding where things are allocated. Part A was to understand where we are going with correcting and making changes to our financial statements. Taking a look back at FY22 to see how it went. Part B is on how we think FY23 is going to pan out.

Mr. Denney gave an update on tuition and fee increases. The System has decided to proceed with the proposal to increase fees. PBC will meet with Student Government this month for the student's vote in March. This item will need to go to the Board of Regents for the May meeting.

PBC will get budget initiatives from the divisions and distribute them to all members. They will review and give recommendations.

Dr. Walker has met with all of the Vice Presidents and reviewed their requests on the budget initiatives process. The list is much smaller and manageable this year.

Mr. Denney added that for budget initiatives the Vice Presidents do not need their prioritized list and presentation to PBC until March or April.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Walker thanked Joe Staley, his team, and everyone that attended the Investiture. Everyone was very impressed by the faculty turnout. The guests mentioned that volunteers were delightful from the time guest pulled into the parking lot.

Dr. Walker testified yesterday, Wednesday, February 8th before the Senate Finance Committee along with Mr. Denney and the Provost. They will be going back in a couple of days to do the House side of the finance piece.

UHCL Day at the Capitol will be on Tuesday, March 7th.

All interviews for the Vice President of Strategic Enrollment Management position have been completed. The offer will be made quickly with a start date of May 1st.

The finalists for the Vice President of Student Affairs will be on campus the week of February 27th.

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Dr. Powellson updated everyone that interviews will begin next week for the Assistant Vice President for Student Engagement. This position oversees the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership, Career Services, Student Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Dr. Huss-Keeler asked if the Texas flag in front of Bayou could be replaced. An American flag is needed at Pearland.

Next Meeting

March 9, 2023 | 2:00 p.m., Forest Room, and Virtual via Teams

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.