



University
of Houston
Clear Lake

University Council Minutes

September 10, 2020 2:00 p.m. (Virtual Teams Meeting) | Meeting Called to Order by Ira K. Blake, President

In Attendance

Elizabeth Beavers, Steven Berberich, De'AWN Bunch, Dwayne Busby, Mark Denney, Samuel Gladden, Miguel Gonzalez, Aaron Hart, Rebecca Huss-Keeler, Heather Kanenberg, Nick Kelling, Elizabeth Lewis, Hiba Loya, Vivienne McClendon, Brad McGonagle, Kathryn Matthew, Evelyn Miralles, Joan Pedro, Timothy Richardson, Aja Rodriguez, Joseph Staley, Brian Stephens, Joyce Delores Taylor, Charlotte Tullos, Edward Waller, Paul Withey

ABSENT: Tyler Hall, Usha Mathew, Roberta Raymond, Randall Xu, Faiza Zalila

GUESTS: Shared Governance Committee Members

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the May 14, 2020 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

President Ira K. Blake welcomed the attendees to the 2020 Shared Governance Kick-Off Meeting and expressed appreciation for their participation. Discussion followed related to COVID-19. President Blake advised the university must be consistent with safety practices and safety health protocols. Masks and related PPE are mandatory while on campus. Special considerations may be addressed with the Human Resources Department. No issues have been reported related to online/bimodal teaching.

President Blake introduced Dr. Elizabeth Lewis, the new Interim Chief Operating Officer and Associate Vice President at the Pearland Campus and also recognized Dr. Samuel Gladden as the new interim Dean for the College of Human Sciences and Humanities. President Blake thanked Dr. Rick Short for his service as Dean, noting his return to teaching in the Psychology Department. Other items of note were discussed briefly and included the following:

- Soft launch of the Institute of Human and Planetary Sustainability (IHAPS) is scheduled for next week with Evelyn Miralles to oversee the institute.
- UHCL has entered into a partnership with Ameresco (energy service company) to assess and determine best value from products for the university's vision of a smart campus
- FY 21 is a biennium year with LAR requests and legislative sessions scheduled for the next few months.

- Strategic Planning is continuing and currently at Level II in the process. The current web page is being updated.
- State of University Address - October 27, 2020 (virtual)
- SGA – Town Hall Meeting – September 11, 2020 (virtual)
- Black Male Administration Town Hall – September 18, 2020
- Discussion followed related to diversity, equity, and social justice issues. The university is currently in preliminary work phase to address issues for change across the board, including faculty and curriculum.
- The Chief Diversity Officer will be conducting programs for allied safety, police officers and parking/transportation staff.
- The Vice President for Administration and Finance Mark Denney, the Vice President for Student Affairs Aaron Hart, and faculty members from the College of Business have developed a financial literacy course.
- A Youth Police Minor program is being offered in the College of Human Sciences and Humanities It is the only program of this kind in the State of Texas.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The Facilities and Support Services Committee (FSSC), University Life Committee (ULC) and Planning and Budget Committee (PBC) will break out into separate virtual Team meetings to determine a chairman and meeting schedule for FY 21. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:20p.m.

Next Meeting

October 8, 2020 | 2:00 p.m., Virtual via Teams