
April 25, 2024, 2:02 p.m. (Forest Room and Virtual Teams Meeting)
Meeting Called to Order by President Walker

IN ATTENDANCE

UC Members: Matthew Aschenbrener, Sheila Baker, Kathleen Garland, LeeBrian Gaskins, Allison Gillespie, Sherry Hawn, Rebecca Huss-Keeler, Daniel Imrecke, Angela Kelling, Nick Kelling, Christopher Maynard, Ivelina Pavlova-Stout, Joan Pedro, David Garrison for Robert Phalen, Tina Powellson, David Rachita, Timothy Richardson, Shreerekha Subramanian for Glen Sanford, Joseph Staley, Edward Waller, Christine Walther, Doug Wells

UC Members (online): Beth Lewis, Kathryn Matthew, Yolanda Edmond, Lorie Jacobs for Daniel Imrecke, Gene Shan

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

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Minutes

The March 28, 2024, meeting minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Planning and Budget Committee (PBC) Chair, Dr. Nick Kelling

UHCL MAP 03.A.03 – Travel Policy (Interim)

Dr. Nick Kelling requested an extension of the interim Travel policy to September 30, 2024. The committee is working on issues that came up in conversation.

Motion presented – Motion approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Shared Governance Policy Revisions Dr. Gillespie

UHCL MAP 01.A.06 – Shared Governance Policy (First Read)

Dr. Gillespie shared updates from the work group on clarifications in the shared governance policy revisions.

Key points throughout the policy:

- Identify the flow on how policies are voted on and approved by sub committees up through University Council.
- Committee descriptions were modified to remove specifics on bylaws and memberships as it is referenced in the bylaws. The committee charge has not been changed.
- Provide clarity that the University Council is an advisory body that makes a recommendation of action to the University President.

Academic Council

Chair, Dr. Christopher Maynard

No agenda items.

Facilities and Support Services Committee (FSSC)

Chair, Dr. Rebecca Huss-Keeler

UHCL MAP 01.B.07 – Environmental Health and Safety (Interim)

Mr. Wells presented that the interim policy was based on the University of Houston System policy and was cleared by Legal on April 9, 2024. It was also cleared by the EHS subcommittee and FSSC to bring forward to University Council. This establishes an outline of the roles and responsibilities of our environmental health and safety operation. Dr. Walker informed everyone that this interim policy was a requirement of our audit on Environmental Health and Safety.

Mr. Wells shared that temporary bollard setup in lot D will be replaced with studier and removable bollards. The reconfiguring of Lot D will add spaces for faculty, staff, and students. The plan is to have a design in place within the next couple of months.

Planning and Budget Committee (PBC)

Chair, Dr. Nick Kelling

Dr. Nick Kelling presented the retirement of the following policies. This is to reduce redundancy and use University of Houston System policies.

- UHCL MAP 03.F.15 – Asset Management Policies
- UHCL MAP 03.F.16 – Asset Management Acquisitions
- UHCL MAP 03.F.17 – Asset Management Inventory Control

University Life Committee (ULC)

Chair, Dr. Angela Kelling

Dr. Angela Kelling shared minor updates to the University Life Committee bylaws. The bylaws are now in the correct format and align with everything that is actually being done by the committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- The Board of Regents Meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2024.
- SB-17 hearing is scheduled for May 14, 2024. Conversation on a second topic is tentatively being scheduled for May 15, 2024. The Board meeting could possibly be moved.
- VP Administration and Finance search firm is wrapping up listening sessions this week (April 26). The search firm will have a draft of the leadership profile early next week to review.
- Mr. Denney's last day was Monday, April 22, 2024. Dr. Walker, Dr. Maynard, Deja Sero, Dr. Gillespie, and Mr. Denney attended the Budget Hearing at the University of Houston System that went very well.
- Chancellor Khator will visit UHCL on May 2, 2024.
- UHCL is working closely with the Office of General Council to review SB-17. There is a meeting scheduled on Monday, April 29, 2024, with Dona Cornell and Valerie Coleman-Ferguson. This is in preparation for the Chancellor's testimony on May 14, 2024, for University of Houston System.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Dr. Maynard shared updates on the Dean of College and Science Engineering search. The committee is conducting zoom interviews today and tomorrow. On campus interviews for finalists will be scheduled on May 13, 14, and 16. Itineraries and schedules will be sent out for campus presentations prior to.

Dr. Aschenbrener updated everyone on the Executive Director of Undergraduate Admissions and Recruitment search. The presentations will be scheduled the week of May 13.

Mr. Staley shared Stephen Davis will start on May 13 as the next Director of Cultural Arts.

Mr. Brittain informed everyone the Department of Education released the new Title IX regulations. There will be both substantive and procedural changes. This will be a system policy due by August 1, 2024.

Dr. Powellson invited everyone to the Hawk Excellence Awards this evening. The reception will start at 4:30 pm in Atrium I followed by the program at 6:00 pm in the Bayou Theatre.

Dr. Walker shared the visit with Director Vannessa Wyche from NASA's Johnson Space Center and her team went very well. They toured the NASA archives in the Library, STEM, and HHPI with Dr. Amonette in Campus Recreation and Wellness.

Dr. Walker attended a Free Expression workshop on April 24, 2024 that Dean Rachita presented at in Austin.

Dean Pedro announced a retirement reception will be held for Professor Marquez in the College of Education after 34 years of service. The College of Education Induction ceremony is on May 7, Graduate reception on May 8, Doctoral ceremony on May 9, and the counseling hooding is on May 10.

Next Meeting

May 9, 2024 | 2:00 p.m., Forest Room and Virtual via Teams

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.