
May 9, 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 April 25, 2024, meeting minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Academic Council

Chair, Dr. Christopher Maynard

BS in Aerospace Engineering -

Dr. Maynard presented a UHCL Bachelor of Science program in Aerospace Engineering. This program would provide an edge to market a standalone Aerospace Engineering program that is currently not available in this area.

Motion passed: 2 abstentions (Dr. A. Kelling and Dr. N. Kelling)

Duolingo -

Dr. Maynard gave the recommendation to add Duolingo back as an option to meet the English proficiency requirement. Duolingo was offered during the pandemic but was discontinued. This will provide students with another option that is affordable and more convenient to schedule.

Motion presented – Motion approved.

Interim Policies

Dr. Maynard proposed the following two interim policies that came out of an audit finding from System.

- Data Management and Sharing Policy (Interim)
- Office of Research and Sponsored Programs Policy (Interim)

University Life Committee (ULC)

Chair, Dr. Angela Kelling

UHCL MAP 01.F.06 – Essential Personnel Policy (Interim)

Chief Miller presented updates and minor edits to titles and offices throughout the policy.

Motion presented – Motion 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.

Shared Governance Policy Revisions

Dr. Gillespie

Dr. Gillespie shared that the suggested update from Dr. Huss-Keeler was added to the policy. The update was to add University environmental health and safety issues and policies to be consistent with the rest of the charge.

There was a discrepancy in section 4.5.1 under the Planning and Budgeting Committee. Dr. Nick Kelling explained the updates were made to bring the charge in line with what PBC has been asked to do.

Motion presented – Motion approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Academic Council

Chair, Dr. Christopher Maynard

No agenda items.

Facilities and Support Services Committee (FSSC)**Chair, Dr. Rebecca Huss-Keeler**

No agenda items.

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

No agenda items.

University Life Committee (ULC)**Chair, Dr. Angela Kelling**

No agenda items.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Texas Senate Subcommittee on Higher Education hearings will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, and livestreamed for those who would like to join. The following items will be covered:
 - Implementation of SB17 DEI
 - Governors Executive Order on Antisemitism
 - Freedom of Expression
- The Board of Regents meeting is on May 15, 2024, where the budget will be presented for approval.
- Faculty and staff will receive a communication regarding the market analysis on Thursday, May 16, 2024. Those receiving market adjustments will be informed in their salary letter for FY25.

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Search Updates

- Dr. Maynard and Dean Sanford provided updates on the Dean, College of Science and 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. Campus presentations will be next week on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm in STEM 1203. Itineraries and schedules will be sent out for campus presentations prior to the interview dates.
- Dr. Maynard gave an update on the VP for Administration and Finance search. The position is now posted, and the committee is on track to have finalists on campus in September.

- Dr. Powellson and Dr. Aschenbrener updated everyone on the Executive Director of Admissions and Recruitment search. Finalists' presentations are scheduled the week of May 13 - Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 1:00 or 1:30 pm.

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

Dr. Walker attended a Free Expression workshop in Austin on April 24, 2024, which Dean Rachita also attended.

Dean Pedro announced that Professor Marquez will be honored with a retirement reception in the College of Education after 34 years of service. The College of Education Teacher Induction ceremony will be on May 7, the Graduate reception on May 8, and the Doctoral reception on May 9.

Next Meeting

TBD | 2:00 p.m., Forest Room and Virtual via Teams

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