



University
of Houston
Clear Lake

University Life Committee (ULC)

February 5, 2021 10:00 – 11:30

Members In Attendance

Carol Bates, Debra Carpenter, Cierra Davis, Yousef Hamidi, Neeta Jambhekar, Angela Kelling, Brad McGonagle, Jordan Mitchell, Violet Peterson, David Rachita, Scott Richardson, Randy Seevers, Christine Walther, Sana Zeidan

Members Absent

Kathleen Garland, Russell Miller, Shweta Sankpal

Alternates Present

Kelsie Cleboski, Iliana Melendez, Henry Newkirk, Kyle Pirtle

Guest

Action Items

- Approval of the November 13, 2020 minutes (*approved unanimously*)
- Adapted HR Policies- Christine Walther and Brad McGonagle
 - Concerns were raised by University Council about the formatting of the policies, particularly the need to use track changes and inclusion of dates for previous policy revisions. ULC was asked whether it wanted to review the previously approved policies with the new formatting. A motion was made and seconded to send the policies to University Council for approval without ULC reviewing them again. (*motion passed unanimously*)

Information/Discussion Items

- Policy Considerations with Changes in Federal Leadership- Scott Richardson
 - Dr. Richardson provided clarification about the role of his office and how it responds to changes in policies.

- Parking & Safety Subcommittee Update- Randy Seevers
 - Significantly fewer parking permits have been sold this academic year compared to before the pandemic. VP for Administration and Finance Mark Denney hopes to use COVID relief funds to address the loss from unsold parking permits, and the subcommittee identified priorities for the funds if they can be used.
 - Discussions of valet parking will be tabled until campus events can safely resume.
 - Parking & Transportation is getting quotes for a GPS/Proxy system.
 - A survey about permit distribution indicates that people are satisfied with the current approach to permit distribution.
 - AVP for Facilities and Construction Eric Herrera updated the subcommittee about the completion of covered parking for the UHCL shuttles. AVP Herrera is also looking into creating covered shuttle stops and developing a QR code to be used to access the shuttle schedule.

- Potential for Insurance Adjustment
 - Dr. Richardson is pushing select VPs to determine whether it would be possible for faculty and staff to receive a refund for insurance that could not be used due to the pandemic.

- COVID Vaccinations- Youssef Hamidi
 - Dr. Hamidi shared that other institutions have been able to offer COVID vaccines to their campus communities and asked whether UHCL has investigated vaccination options. Director of Emergency Management Al Black is actively working to establish UHCL as a vaccination site. To date, the request to become a vaccination site has been denied due to limited vaccine supplies and UHCL not being in a “hot spot”. If UHCL can become a vaccination site, only those in the UHCL zip code would be eligible to be vaccinated on campus.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 5, 2021 (Teams) from 10:00 – 11:30.