MINUTES

University Council Steering Committee
Wednesday, April 15, 2020, 3 p.m.
Microsoft Teams Meeting

Not Approved – This draft reflects only the work of the drafter, as the committee was dissolved before these minutes could be approved.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Arado, Barnhart, Bateni, Bolden, Burton, Chen, Collins, Doederlein, Elish-Piper, Millhorn, Pearson, Royce, Siegesmund, Thu

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan

I. CALL TO ORDER

University Council (UC) Steering Committee chair, K. Thu, called the meeting to order at approximately 3 p.m.

II. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was verified.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

I. Pearson moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by C. Doederlein. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 12, 2020 MINUTES – Pages 2-3

T. Arado moved to approve the minutes, seconded by H. Bateni. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. ITEMS FOR UC STEERING COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

VII. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL DRAFT AGENDA – separate packet

Recognition – Outgoing UC members will be recognized at the April 29 UC meeting.

Reimagining Shared Governance – This proposal is set for a second reading/vote at the April 29 UC meeting. Decision to move forward is based on feedback from various administrators and shared governance leadership. Steering Committee members engaged in a brief clarification discussion on the proposal.
Voting will be accomplished through Qualtrics. The Steering Committee members engaged in a practice session, receiving the Qualtrics web address via Teams screen-share and chat, accessing the Qualtrics web page, voting, and viewing the results through screen-share.

Parliamentarian F. Bryan confirmed that the Qualtrics balloting is appropriate.

Temporary appointment timeline waiver request – will come up for review and approval at the April 29 UC meeting.

Proposed amendment to Academic Planning Council membership and duties – This proposal will come up for a first reading during the April 29 UC meeting. UC Steering Committee discussion included pros and cons of calling for a motion to waive the waiting period in order to vote on this proposal during the April 29 UC meeting. K. Thu noted that if someone wants to move to waive the waiting period, it can be entertained at that time. It takes a 75 percent positive vote to pass a motion to waive the waiting period.

Proposed amendment to Grievance Procedures for Faculty and Staff – This proposal will come up for a first reading during the April 29 UC meeting. UC Steering Committee discussion included pros and cons of calling for a motion to waive the waiting period in order to vote on this proposal during the April 29 UC meeting. K. Thu noted that if someone wants to move to waive the waiting period, it can be entertained at that time. It takes a 75 percent positive vote to pass a motion to waive the waiting period.

There was consensus among the UC Steering Committee members to switch the order in which the above two items are listed on the April 29 UC agenda.

Student Grievance Annual Report – K. Thu will report at the April 29 UC meeting.

Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE – L. Saborío will report at the April 29 UC meeting.

University Advisory Committee to BOT – K. Thu will bring a report to April 29 UC meeting. K. Thu noted that, at its last meeting, the BOT granted temporary powers to President Lisa Freeman, which are set to expire on May 14. Thu invited feedback from the members regarding how administration has handled communication through the COVID-19 situation.

Resources, Space and Budget Committee – T. Arado will report at the April 29 UC meeting.

Rules, Governance and Elections – R. Siegesmund will lead the election of the 2020-21 executive secretary of University Council at the April 29 UC meeting.

Student Government Association – N. Bolden and I. Pearson will each report at the April 29 UC meeting.
Operating Staff Council – J. Royce will report at the April 29 UC meeting.

Chat box monitor – J. Royce volunteered to serve as chat box monitor during the April 29 UC meeting.

H. Bateni moved to approve the agenda per above discussion, seconded by T. Arado. Motion passed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

T. Arado moved to adjourn, seconded by H. Bateni. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.