

University of Houston Clear Lake

Academic Council Meeting
Thursday, March 23, 2023
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Dr. Christopher Maynard

Approval of February 16, 2023 Minutes - Minutes were unanimously approved.

Updates were provided on President and Provost's Austin visit and meetings with legislators.

Funding Requests:

Budget general appropriation requests, such as increases to formula funding, CRU funding, Hazelwood, and Texas grants are in the rider for the House.

Three special item requests: 1-STEM, 2-Funding for CAD Autism Center, and 3-STEP, Teacher Preparation for Pearland ISD and Clear Creek ISD (currently using grant funding). Numbers 2 and 3 are on Representative Thompsons priority list.

Received support for STEM building but will depend on money remaining after final budget is passed.

Legislative Requests:

Lieutenant Governor, has distributed his list of bills he would like passed. UHS has met with the Lieutenant Governor's policy analyst. All Texas university systems are staying in touch with each other.

Higher Education Impact

CRT - Hearings have started, no requests received.

Tenure – All Texas higher education systems were requested to provide specific data regarding tenured faculty workload, summer, overloads, stipends, etc. Data due by March 29, after the hearings. Alternate bill has been submitted by Texas A & M Systems (UHS Legal has read and provided input). Bill does not eliminate tenure; universities would still manage and need to specify reasons for termination.

DEI – University systems government relations are seeking clarity on bills intent and use of state budget funding.



Additional mental health funding – no specific funding was universities will be directed to use any addition to formula funding, if provided.

Mark Denney - Formula funding is dependent on decisions being made.

Support for faculty and concerns on impacts of pending legislation in the classroom was discussed.

Legislatures commented positively about student representatives and expressed interest in placing UHCL interns in Austin and DC.

Once outcomes are known, the President will communicate which legislative and budget requests have passed.

A. Information Items

1. AC meeting in April (C. Maynard)

Faculty Senate meeting April 5 will review/vote on two documents. Provost requested approval to hold a Special Called meeting to review/vote on these items prior to the April 20 scheduled Academic Council meeting.

- Test Optional Admissions Proposal (Sunsets August 2023)-needs to go to UHS BOR in May. New policy must be in place in September for new admissions calendar.
- MSN Proposal – request AC review for submission to UC in May, then Provost Council, UHS BOR, and state and SACS process before end of semester

Members approved the call for a special meeting, to be held Wednesday, April 5, at 3 pm, following Faculty Senate. Dr. Walther will forward items for meeting to add to TEAMS.

2. 2023-24 AA Calendar (K. Matthew) - Information Item

One conflict was found; Vice Provost will be meeting with Registrar to clarify.

3. Policy on Policies (M. Denney)

Other shared governance has approved the policy. Item will be presented at University Council. Once approved, policy will be posted to webpage. M. Denney will convene a group

Provost congratulated Dean Sanford and HSH on a successful Prime Minister event. Coffee of the Provost will be March 24 – Provost encouraged faculty to attend with any concerns/questions.

Previously scheduled April 20 meeting will stand; items forthcoming.

Meeting adjourned.



ACADEMIC COUNCIL 2022-2023

DATE: 3/23/23

Title	Member		Alternate		PRESENT
Senior V.P. for Academic Affairs & Provost (Chair)	Christopher	Maynard	Kathryn	Matthew	
Vice Provost	Kathryn	Matthew	Pam	Shelman	
AVP - Student Success and Initiatives	Tim	Richardson	Maria	Ramos	
Council of Professors	Christine	Kovic	Laurie	Weaver	
Council of Chairs					
Dean - COB	Ed	Waller	Troy	Voelker	
Dean - HSH	Glenn	Sanford	Mary	Short	
Dean - CSE	Miguel	Gonzalez	David	Garrison	
Dean - COE	Joan	Pedro	Terry	Shepherd	
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AVP Global Learning and Strategy/Diplomacy Inst.	Gigi	Do	Edmund	Herod	
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FSEC - Chair, Budget & Facilities (CSE)	Amber	Brown	Leroy	Robinson	
FSEC - Chair, Curriculum (COE)	Renee	Lastrapes			
FSEC - Chair, Faculty Life (HSH)	Neal	Dugre	Larry	Rohde	
FSEC - Chair, Teaching & Research (CSE)	Gene	Shan	Preeti	Jain	
FSEC - Past President (COE)	Paul	Withey	Yvette	Bendeck	
FSEC - President (HSH)	Christine	Walther	Isabell	Kusters	
FSEC - President-Elect (COB)	Steven	Cotten			
FAAF Provost Office	Heather	Kanenberg			
Guest:					
Secretariat: Charise Armstrong x 3004	60% Quorum		=PRESENT		

