
February 29, 2024, 2:01 p.m. (Forest Room and Virtual Teams Meeting)
Meeting Called to Order by Dr. Christopher Maynard, Provost

IN ATTENDANCE

UC Members: Matthew Aschenbrener, Sheila Baker, Stephen Cotten, Mark Denney, Yolanda Edmond, Kathleen Garland, LeeBrian Gaskins, Allison Gillespie, Sherry Hawn, Lee Hilyer, Rebecca Huss-Keeler, Angela Kelling, Nick Kelling, Kathryn Matthew, Christopher Maynard, Ivelina Pavlova-Stout, Joan Pedro, Tina Powellson, Timothy Richardson, Glen Sanford, Gene Shan, Joseph Staley, Edward Waller, Christine Walther, Doug Wells

UC Members (online): Renee Lastrapes, Alexis Staropoli, Lorie Jacobs for Daniel Imrecke

Ex-Officio Members: David Brittain, Yolanda Nimmer-Williams, Natalie Pecknold, Daniel Ramirez, Wayne Sallee (online)

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Minutes

The January 25, 2024 meeting minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Academic Council

Chair, Dr. Christopher Maynard

Annual Review Policy

Dr. Walther introduced the Annual Review Policy regarding post tenure review for faculty. Per UH System policy, post tenure review should be based on annual review. One year consideration for teaching and service and up to three-year consideration for research. All changes have been made with extensive collaboration with System Legal.

Motion presented – motion approved.

Post-Tenure Review Policy

Dr. Walther shared that Post-Tenure review policy was revised based on changes from Legislature, Board of Regents, and UH System requiring that post tenure review be based on annual reviews. This was also revised with extensive collaboration with System Legal and should now put UHCL in compliance.

Motion presented – motion approved.

Expedited Tenure Review Policy

Dr. Walther explained that the change provided clarification on the process and instances in which someone is hired for a position that brings tenure with them. This could be applicable for a faculty or an administrative position.

Motion presented – motion approved.

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

UHCL Bookstore and OIT Service Center

Dr. Huss-Keeler presented a permanent space allocation request that was proposed for the Bookstore and OIT Service Center.

Mr. Denney explained this will be funded from the CCAP project.

Motion presented – motion approved.

Environmental Health and Safety Sub-Committee Proposal

Dr. Huss-Keeler proposed a new standing sub-committee of FSSC called, Environmental Health and Safety Sub-Committee. The sub-committee will meet monthly and is responsible for the oversight, review, and recommendations to leadership through UHCL shared governance regarding lab safety and all safety related matters of the university, including all environmental health and safety policy and procedures. Any recommendations will be brought forward to FSSC and then University Council.

Motion presented – motion approved.

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

MAP 01.D.15 – Freedom of Expression

Matthew Perry, Associate Dean of Students and Director of Student Housing presented the renewal of MAP 01.D.15 – Freedom of Expression. There were no formal changes made.

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

MAP 01.A.01 – Administrative Policy, Creation, Revision and Retirement Procedures

Mr. Denney presented a minor change to MAP 01.A.01 – Administrative Policy, Creation, Revision and Retirement Procedures. The minor change is at the discretion of that shared governance committee: If no changes or recommendations to the policy were made, then they can forego the second reading and pass it out at one read. This will allow the committees the option to be more expeditious with one reading when there are no changes.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- Dr. Walker wanted to thank everyone that participated in the 50th anniversary kick-off.
- UHCL did not have a significant number of items for the Board of Regents meeting, and all went well.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Hilyer reported that all of UHCL’s thesis and dissertations have been uploaded and digitized.

Dean Sanford shared a panel discussion on AI in the workforce and in education will be held for faculty and staff on April 4, 2024.

Mr. Denney represented President Walker at the Houston Livestock and Rodeo on February 28, 2024 for Armed Forces appreciation Day. A UHCL graduate from the United States Marine Corps Officer Candidates School was recognized and received a trophy that is on display in Capt. Wendell M. Wilson Office of Military and Veteran Services.

Dean Pedro thanked everyone that attended the proclamation ceremony for State Representative Ed Thompson on February 27, 2024.

The College of Education Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program has been granted accreditation by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) through 2030.

Next Meeting

March 28, 2024, | 2:00 p.m., Forest Room and Virtual via Teams

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.