



University
of Houston
Clear Lake

University Council Minutes

*May 11, 2023, 2:00 p.m. (Forest Room and Virtual Teams Meeting) | Meeting Called to Order by
Richard Walker, President*

In Attendance

UC Members: Matthew Aschenbrener, Amber Brown, Mark Denney, Neal Dugre, Yolanda Edmond, Kathleen Garland, LeeBrian Gaskins, Miguel Gonzalez, Sherry Hawn, Lee Hilyer, Rebecca Huss-Keeler, Angela Kelling, Beth Lewis, Kathryn Matthew, Christopher Maynard, Timothy Michael, Veronica Ortiz, Joan Pedro, Tina Powellson, David Rachita, Timothy Richardson, Wayne Sallee, Glen Sanford, Gene Shan, Joseph Staley, Edward Waller, Christine Walther, Paul Withey

Ex-Officio Members: David Brittain, Natalie Pecknold, Daniel Ramirez, Wayne Salle, Brice Yates

Alternate: Deja Sero, Sheila Baker

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the April 13, 2023, meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Academic Council

Provost Maynard presented two items for consideration from Academic Council. A work group worked over the summer and fall putting together a series of recommendations for the Admissions Committee recommendation for test optional. The first recommendation is to extend the test optional approach to make it a permanent part of our admissions process. The second is to adjust our admission standards to make sure our automatic admissions standards match the academic profile of the students we are taking. The third part of the recommendation from the work group is that we create a new category of conditional admits that would go through a bridge program.

Motion presented – motion approved.

Hanover was commissioned to do a study on the Master of Science in Nursing Education and Leadership program. The results that came back had very detailed information about employer demand and student demand. Everything was pointing in the direction of creating an accelerated MSN program at Pearland. This will still need to go to the Board of Regents for approval.

Motion presented – motion approved.

University Life Committee

Mr. Denney presented a new policy:
UHCL MAP 01.A.01 – Administrative Policy

Motion presented – motion approved.

Ms. Edmond presented the below policy updates:
UHCL MAP 02.A.04 – Discipline and Dismissal of Regular Staff Employees
UHCL MAP 02.A.06 – Reduction in Force of Regular Staff Employees
UHCL MAP 02.A.13 – Recruitment Job Posting and Selection of Staff Employees
UHCL MAP 02.A.46 – Alternative Work Arrangements

Ms. Edmond indicated that UHCL MAP 02.A.13 - Recruitment Job Posting and Selection of Staff Employees was being tabled for revisions by General Counsel. The policy will go back to the University Life Committee for review of the changes required by General Counsel and will be resubmitted to University Council at a later date.

Motion to approve changes to three policies was presented – motion approved.

Planning and Budget Committee

Dr. Hawn presented the below policy updates:
UHCL MAP 03.A.04 – Procurement Card
UHCL MAP 03.A.05 – Contracts
UHCL MAP 03.A.19 – Monthly Cell Phone Allowance
UHCL MAP 03.A.47 – Student Financial Responsibility
UHCL MAP 03.D.04 – Payroll Check Policy

Dr. Hawn indicated that UHCL MAP 03.A.05 – Contracts was being tabled for revisions by General Counsel. The policy will go back to the Planning and Budget Committee for review of the changes required by General Counsel and will be resubmitted to University Council at a later date.

Motion to approve changes to four policies was 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

Dr. Huss-Keeler stated the parking striping project was completed. The numbers will be painted back on the spaces in lot A.

University Life Committee (ULC)

Chair, Dr. Angela Kelling

No agenda items.

Planning and Budget Committee (PBC)

Chair, Dr. Timothy Michael

No agenda items.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The SACSCOC Verification Visit was on Monday, April 17, 2023.

The Provost, Mr. Denney, and President Walker will be going back to Austin on May 25th, 26th, and 27th to meet with the Legislature.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Denney shared that there is a substantial increase in interest this legislative session in UHCL. There is a high degree of engagement with the representatives and senators to put forward and articulate our requirements and needs.

Next Meeting

September 7, 2023, | 2:00 p.m., Forest Room, and Virtual via Teams

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.