

**University Life Committee (ULC)**

Minutes - February 14, 2024, Meeting

Meeting called to order @ 2:05pm

Approval of Minutes – Statement read

**Members in Attendance**

Angela Kelling, Yolanda Edmond, Yvette Bendeck, Soma Datta, Fran Hawkins-Williams, Russell Miller, Matthew Perry, Yi Su, Sheeba Thomas, Jennifer Willis-Opalenik, Brice Yates, Debbie Williams, Amber Brown

**Alternate Members/Guests in Attendance**

Christina Cedillo, Stephanie Holleran, Mark Denney, Benjamin Franz, Stacy Zellner, Yolanda Nimmer-Williams

**Members & Alternate Absent**

Alexandria Kennedy, Isabelle Kusters, Andrea Black, Mohsen Daghooghi, April Harris, Andrew Wiemer, Sana Zeidan, Sherry Hawn, Al Black

**Minutes**

Called to order.

**1. Approval of meeting minutes: December 13, 2023**

**2. Old Business**

1. By-laws review

The ULC's By-laws will be reviewed by the committee in the next two weeks after the shared governance polices are reviewed and/or changed.

**3. New Business/Announcements**

1. Division of Student Affairs (presented by representative Matthew Perry)

a. Renewal of MAP.01 D.15 Freedom of Expression

The Freedom of Expression policy was approved several years ago and is currently up for renewal for Student Affairs. There weren't any changes to the policy. The only change was some of the frequently asked questions on the website, and that's outside the scope of the policy. Therefore, there are no changes, formatting, or grammatical changes to the policy.

As an extension to the policy, Student Affairs is working on different levels of campus responses, that would be a freedom of expression circumstance that could occur on campus.

Motion to approve and voted to pass the policy.

b. Review of MAP 05.C.11 Alcohol Distribution Policy

This is a newly established policy that covers alcohol distribution at campus events that are held on and off the campus, sponsored or organized by the university, with faculty, staff, or students.

The policy entails such as the Texas State Law, from the education code that deals with alcohol, the approval process, when and how to use the on-campus drink and food provider (Chartwells), the public safety and when is it necessary to have officers present at events, requirement of ID check, wrist bands, the possession, sale, and consumption of alcohol beverages on university campuses.

It was suggested to table the policy as a first read with recommendations for changes to the policy. The changes will be submitted by Matthew Perry and brought back as a second read to the committee.

2. Minor adjustment to UHCL Policy MAP 01.A.01 – Administrative Policy Creation, Revision, and Retirement Procedures (presented by Mark Denney)

**Paragraph IV Procedures, Section J.2.2 Minor Changes.** Policy revisions incorporating minor or non-substantive changes will not be subject to the standard 10-day posting and full review process. Instead, the policy will be revised and submitted directly to University Council and the president for approval.

It was proposed If no changes are suggested to the policies by the Shared Governance as SGS Committee members, omit the second reading and move forward at one reading. It doesn't suggest changing the policy, it gives that committee an option to keep things moving forward.

Mr. Denney stated this policy is informational only and would like to ask the University Life Committee to put it on the agenda for University Council.

3. Student Orgs discussion

It has been discussed that faculty are receiving mixed messages by various offices, that there can be no faculty advisors for any student organization that is in any way related to identity according to SB-17. The FAQ's says as long as the different student organizations are treated the same, they would be violating SB-17 by saying you can't have a faculty advisor.

The faculty would like to know how they can ensure the correct information, policies, and procedures are followed to allow them to be advisors to the student organizations.

Under UHS system policy the direct answer can be found in the SB 17 FAQs link <https://uh.edu/dsa/resources/sb-17-faqs/>

May staff and faculty continue to advise “identity” driven organizations, such as a Women in STEM organization?

*Yes, as long as they do not receive special funding/compensation for providing this service that other advisors would not receive for advising non-identity driven organizations.*

Motion to adjourn meeting.  
Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Williams

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