

University Life Committee

April 27, 2017

Minutes

Members Present

Robert Bartsch, Judy Chapmon, Keith Daniels, Victoria Duffoo, Nichole Eslinger, Allen Hill, Sana Zeidan

Members Absent

Rishabh Bothra, Stephen Cotten, Clarke Iakovakis, Michele Kahn, Christine Kovic, Lisa Lacher, Nikki Olivas, David Rachita, Faiza Zalila

Alternates Present

Rosana Salinas, Anthony Scaturro, Caye Trahan, Christine Walther

Alternates Absent

Ashley Green, Sang Lu, Pat McCormack, Kristi Randolph, Mary Ann Shallberg

Action Item

Approval of Minutes

The Chair asked if there were any changes or corrections to the March 23, 2017 minutes. It was noted that Nichole's name was misspelled. With no further changes or corrections noted, a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented. (***Minutes approved***)

Information/Discussion Items

Smoking Policy Update

Dr. Bartsch said the smoking policy was approved at the last University Council meeting and there is no further action for this committee.

Transportation

Dr. Bartsch said one of the other Shared Governance sub-committees that is working on parking and traffic invited ULC's working group to attend their meeting. They were supportive in the progress we have made regarding transportation. Dr. Bartsch distributed a handout to the committee that contained a variety of additional comments on transportation.

Christine Walther updated the committee regarding the transportation survey. She said they are in the process of gathering questions for the survey and plan to send it out to the students in the fall. This will give them time to get new students situated and then they can report back, or hand it off to the new ULC chair. She said she was asked about the use of student drivers for the shuttle. She spoke to David Rachita and he said they had tried this in the past and it was not successful. There were also issues obtaining the correct license and insurance for a student to be able to drive the shuttle.

Dr. Bartsch said at the sub-committee meeting they were informed that there is a Master Plan being developed that includes questions about transportation. He said there could be additional information that we are not aware of. Nichole said Andrea Crucian is on that committee and she will check with her for additional information. It was noted that there is an Open Forum on May 5th regarding the Master Plan. Christine will check with Christine Kovic about attending this, since she is in charge of their working group.

Communication of State Legislature Actions

Dr. Bartsch said there was a request to discuss the Communication of State Legislature Actions. He did some research and found some things that are currently available to help monitor the current bills. (*See attached*). The concern was to find a way for students to stay up to date and informed on bills that are coming through the Texas Legislature that will effect UHCL. Dr. Bartsch said the University of Houston System has a webpage and the Texas Tribune is another good resource. He said we have to take extra care in talking to our state legislators and make sure that we are clear that we are not speaking on behalf of the university. He said it would take a lot of work to go through the bills to determine which ones apply to the university. He spoke to the Communications Office and they do not have the staff to track all of these bills. After discussing Victoria agreed to check with the students about doing an article in the Signal regarding the Legislative Bills. Keith Daniels volunteered to monitor the bills that would affect UHCL. Dr. Bartsch suggested that Keith create an example email and send this to ULC as a test. ULC can discuss this example in the Fall. The majority of the committee agreed this would be a substantial undertaking and require hiring additional staff to monitor this.

Fragrance-Fee Policy

Dr. Bartsch distributed a handout to the committee and said he was approached by a faculty member regarding a Fragrance Policy for the university. After discussing Nichole said this would be a personal hygiene issue that should be addressed by that person's supervisor in that office and not the entire university. Dr. Bartsch wanted to make people aware that this type of policy does exist and we have had a request for it. After discussing the committee agreed not to take any further action on this policy.

May Meeting

Dr. Bartsch said if we wanted to take some action regarding transportation this semester then we would need a May meeting.

After discussing a motion was made and seconded to send A, E, & F from the List of Suggestions as a recommendations from ULC to Student Life and inform them that ULC is sending D to University Council. **(Motion passed)**

A second motion was made and seconded to send D from the List of Suggestions to University Council and inform them that ULC sent A, E & F as recommendations to Student Life. **(Motion passed)**

The committee agreed there was no need to have a May meeting.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.