

# **University Life Committee**

March 23, 2017

Minutes

## **Members Present**

Robert Bartsch, Judy Chapmon, Victoria Duffoo, Nicole Eslinger, Allen Hill, Michele Kahn, Nikki Olivas, Bazlur Rashid, Faiza Zalila, Sana Zeidan

## **Members Absent**

Rishabh Bothra, Stephen Cotten, Keith Daniels, Clarke Iakovakis, Christine Kovic, Lisa Lacher, David Rachita

## **Alternates Present**

Ashley Green, Kristi Randolph, Caye Trahan, Christine Walther

## **Alternates Absent**

Sang Lu, Pat McCormack, Rosana Salinas, Anthony Scaturro, Mary Ann Shallberg

## **Action Item**

### **Approval of Minutes**

The Chair asked if there were any changes or corrections to the January 26, 2017 minutes. With no changes or corrections noted, a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented.

**Minutes approved**

## **Information/Discussion Items**

Smoking Policy – Dr. Bartsch said the smoking policy is the same policy we have seen throughout the semester and contains the changes that were approved by ULC and President Staples in 2014.

Below is the feedback reported by the committee from their constituents regarding going to a smoke free campus:

- College of Business - 68% in favor of smoke free, 15% against and 15% unsure
- SGA – 29 in favor of smoke free, 13 against (*42 students voted*)
- PASA – 75% in favor of smoke free, 20% against
- University Advancement and Communications were in favor of a smoke free campus or eliminate smoking on the Patio Café
- SSA – 40 in favor of smoke free and 29 against (*69 employees voted*)

Dr. Bartsch reminded the committee that in order for a recommendation to go forward there must be a 60% approval. After a brief discussion a motion was made and seconded to approve the non-smoking policy and forward it to University Council. (**Motion passed**). *60% majority vote: 9 in favor of, 2 against and 1 abstention*

Dr. Bartsch asked the committee to send a short summary of the concerns received from their constituents regarding going to a smoke free campus. He will create a chart with this information and forward it to University Council with the smoking policy.

Transportation Update – Christine Walther reviewed with the committee a handout that contained a variety of options regarding transportation (see attached). She said the main problem they found was that there is only one shuttle driver. When this driver is sick or on vacation there is no one to operate the shuttle. Because we are not offering a competitive wage our efforts to get a second driver have been unsuccessful. Christine said some of the additional suggestions were:

- Second driver for courtesy shuttle
- Bus Signage on Campus
- Bike Shares
- Consider Adding Transportation to existing Office of Parking at UHCL
- Apply for external grants to support public transportation
- Work with Metro Houston on the possibility of a bus stop at Delta Building on Bay Area Blvd.

Dr. Bartsch offered the following options to the committee regarding transportation (1) take this report to our constituent groups (2) forward this report to University Council as an information item (3) edit the report before passing on to University Council (4) wait until the survey is complete (probably next fall). After discussing the committee agreed to take this information back to their constituent groups and report back at the April meeting.

Recycling Update - Dr. Bartsch said between the spring and summer they will move all of the trash cans in the Bayou Building out of the classrooms and into the hall next to the recycling bins (this is for the Bayou Bldg. only). The research conducted last year indicated this will improve the proper placement of recyclable items and will not increase

the amount of trash being left in the classroom. The goal is to do this for one year in the Bayou Building and if it works they will do it in the additional buildings. This is for classrooms only and will not include offices for faculty and staff. Dr. Bartsch said FMC asked for ULC to help publicize this and he will type up an announcement for the committee to share with their constituents.

Childcare Update – The committee received a handout regarding the research that has been done thus far on childcare. Dr. Bartsch noted that the document is a work in progress. The idea is to create a document that will contain all of the childcare information and research that has been done over the years and make it easily accessible to the next ULC group. Some of the topics included in the document are:

- Summary of Obstacles
- Summary of Benefits
- Different Models of Campus Childcare
- Other University/College Childcare Centers
- Potential Relation with Academic Programs
- Past Surveys
- Current Assistance
- Other Potential Programs
- Sources of Funding

Dr. Bartsch said after this document is complete and if this committee feels strongly about childcare on campus they could then forward it to University Council for their feedback.

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