

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-CLEAR LAKE

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

MINUTES RECAP

PLACE/TIME: Forest Room, 10 a.m.

DATE: February 9, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Bartsch, Darlene Biggers, Sandra Browning, Patrick Cardenas, Allen Cox, Vanessa Cubides, Ted Cummings, Zbigniew Czajkiewicz, Nichole Eslinger, David Garrison, Lisa Gossett, Glen Houston, A.J. Johnson, Heather Kanenberg, Ward Martaindale, Usha Mathew, Kathryn Matthew, Denise McDonald, Tim Michael, Mark Shermis, Rick Short, William A. Staples, Brian Stephens, Rhonda Thompson, Alix Valenti, Karen Wielhorski, Paul Withey

OTHERS PRESENT: Nikki Olivas (representing T. Ruiz),

MEMBERS ABSENT: Yvette Bendeck, Carol Carman, Trisha Ruiz, Chris Ward

AGENDA:

1. President presented overview of Shared Governance.
2. President's Report presented.

**ACTION ITEMS**

President Staples called the meeting to order.

Minutes of Meeting of November 10, 2017, were approved – President Staples called for a review of minutes of the last two meetings. Dr. Houston made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Cardenas, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Presidential Search – Dr. Staples noted that three open forums with the Presidential Search Committee had taken place for the university community, and expressed appreciation to all who participated.

2017 Legislative Session – Dr. Staples noted that it is still very early in the session. He has testified before the Senate Finance Committee and later in February or early March will testify before House Appropriations Article 3 Committee. The Senate and House base bills are very different at this time. He mentioned the Governor's hiring freeze through August 31, 2017, for positions on state funds, and the fact that the funds for positions not filled would go back to the state. It is still very early in the session in terms of what the final state budget will be, however the key thing will be what the revenue estimate is when the Comptroller comes back with his revised estimate later in the session.

Overview of First Legislative/Budget Update Meeting (February 9, 2017, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., Garden Room)

Dr. Staples distributed the PowerPoint presentation that he will present at this afternoon's university-wide meeting, titled UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-CLEAR LAKE – 2017 UPDATE: BUDGET, ENROLLMENT, LEGISLATIVE SESSION, and gave an overview of the material that will be presented. A copy of the Power Point is attached to these minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Attachment: PowerPoint titled: UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-CLEAR LAKE – 2017 UPDATE: BUDGET, ENROLLMENT, LEGISLATIVE SESSION