University Council Minutes

October 13, 2022, 2:03 p.m. (Forest Room and Virtual Teams Meeting) Meeting Called to Order by Richard Walker, President

In Attendance

Ex-Officio Members: Brittain, David, Pecknold, Natalie, Nimmer-Williams, Yolanda, Ramirez, Daniel, Sallee, Wayne
Guest: Sero, Deja

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September 8, 2022 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Academic Council

No agenda items.

Facilities and Support Services Committee

Mr. Denney presented a general overview on behalf of Dr. Huss-Keeler with some of the items that have already been walked through from the Master Plan.

Wayfinding Subcommittee to be re-stooup up. All signs around campus have been completed. Next on the agenda are the internal wayfinding signs.

Campus Construction Assistance Program (CCAP) UHCL will ask the legislature for the balance remaining of the $45 M. Money from the program will be used to renovate and maintain some of the buildings on campus.

Another point of discussion was the Energy Savings Project the goal is to save $200,000 in the first year and the dollar savings will increase each year.

Mr. Denney stated that the Strategic Enrollment Management relocation continues to move forward, a proposal will come forward and it will most likely be included in the CCAP project. On Friday a final revision will be submitted to the Legislation Appropriated request. The primary thing being
asked for is funding for another round of the CCAP program, which would fund STEM2 and renovate the Delta Building. Along with this will also be requesting funding for the Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities which is requesting 25% increase to CADD which would mean an additional $100,000 per year.

President Walker shared that he went to Austin to testify before the Legislative Budget Board, the Governor’s budget staff, and the Lieutenant Governor’s budget staff, the Chancellor testified on behalf of UH. Dr. Walker explained that he was able to deliver remarks on behalf of Clear Lake. Currently, there is a real interest in academic programs coming out of the legislative Budget Board staff, and as a result of those conversations, we are going to increase our ask.

President Walker also made mentioned about CCAP, it is anticipated that we will be going forward to the Board of Regents in December for approval of our projects. If it passes then there is a long process ahead.

**University Life Committee**

No agenda items

**Planning and Budget Committee**

Deja Sero Co-Chair of PBC committee presented on key planning and budget dates calendar for the University Council Committee. This year PBC will be doing something different with initiatives. She highlighted the first date coming up will be November 22, the draft for FY24 initiatives due to division vice presidents. This is an earlier date and is to provide leadership PBC and the campus community time to plan, present, and evaluate proposals in order to improve feedback. PBC is also working with the Office of Planning and Assessment and Strategic Planning so that all processes are connected as they move forward with the planning. The Legislative session will begin at the beginning of January and will end in May and will determine our state funding for the next two fiscal years FY24 and FY25.

**Information Items – University Shared Governance Committee Reports**

**Academic Council**

Chair, Dr. Christopher Maynard

No agenda items

**University Life Committee (ULC)**

Chair, Angela Kelling

No agenda items

**Facilities and Support Services Committee**
Chair, Dr. Rebecca Huss-Keeler
No agenda items

Planning and Budget Committee (PBC)
Chair, Dr. Timothy Michael
No agenda items

President’s Report

Dr. Walker introduced Dr. Tina Powellson, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs.

Football tickets will be made available for UHCL staff and students. An announcement will go out. There will be an allotment of tickets for the next game, which is on October 29th. If we have a good response then we will do the same thing for the game in November.

Dr. Walker also announced the President’s Speaker Series. The first session will be on Friday, November 4th. The focus will be Diversity from the Classroom to the Workplace.

October 31 will be the traditional Halloween in the Atrium II. We will have Thanksgiving lunch on November 17th and then in December breakfast will be hosted by Administration and Finance, lunch will be sponsored by the Provost Office, Student Affairs and Strategic Enrollment Management and sweets and desserts will be sponsored by the Office of the President.

Dr. Walker also mentioned that the report from the SEM retreat had been received from Dr. LeGrande. The executive team has reviewed the report and it will be coming out shortly with a series of committees to begin ongoing work.

The Investiture date has been set for Friday, January 27. On Thursday, January 26th there will be a scholarship celebration dinner at South Shore Harbour that will be part of the fundraising effort for scholarships for our students.

Dr. Walker announced that Yolanda Nimmer Williams, Director of Compliance will be working on all of UHCL’s policies making sure they are all up to date and updated on our website. She has identified 27 policies that are up for review.

For the Good of the Order

Next Meeting

November 10, 2022, | 2:00 p.m., Forest Room, and Virtual via Zoom

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.