

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-CLEAR LAKE

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

MINUTES RECAP

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

DATE: September 8, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Bartsch, Yvette Bendeck, Darlene Biggers, Sandra Browning, Carol Carman, Allen Cox, Vanessa Cubides, Ted Cummings, Zbigniew Czajkiewicz, Michelle Dotter, Nichole Eslinger, David Garrison, Lisa Gossett, Glen Houston, Heather Kanenberg, Ward Martaindale, Usha Mathew, Denise McDonald, Tim Michael, Mark Shermis, Rick Short, William A. Staples, Brian Stephens, Rhonda Thompson, Chris Ward, Karen Wielhorski

OTHERS PRESENT: Tracy McKinley, Alumni (representing P. Cardenas);

MEMBERS ABSENT: Patrick Cardenas, A.J. Johnson, Alix Valenti, Mrinal Mugdh Varma, Paul Withey

AGENDA:

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

ACTION ITEMS

President Staples called the meeting to order.

Since this is the first meeting of the new academic year, he asked members to introduce themselves. Following this he expressed appreciation for their service on University Council this year. He also thanked Dr. Houston for his willingness to serve as Interim Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost this year. While he serves in this role, some of his responsibilities as Associate Vice President for Information Resources have been delegated. Dr. Karen Wielhorski will represent the AVP/IR on University Council and Ward Martaindale will represent the AVP/IR as Administrative Co-Chair of FSSC.

Overview of Shared Governance

Dr. Staples gave a brief overview of shared governance. The three SG committees are Facilities and Support Services, Planning and Budgeting and University Life. Action items from these committees, as well as Academic Council, come to University Council for a vote, which constitutes a recommendation to the President. He noted that about 95% of the time, thanks to the work of shared governance committee members, these action items have been vetted through communication with the constituent groups – Faculty Senate, PASA, SSA and SGA – and require very little additional discussion at the University Council meetings.

He called attention to the 2016-17 UC Calendar of Meetings and 2016-17 UC Membership List, which were distributed to members with the agenda. He asked members to notify Mary Ann Shallberg if there is an error in their listing on the membership list.

President's Report

Dr. Staples announced that the annual University-wide Meeting will take place on Thursday, September 15, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the Garden Room, where he, Dr. Houston and Ms. Dotter will each give a presentation similar to the last several years.

The 2017 Legislative Session begins in January 2017 and ends in May. He noted that in this morning's newspaper it was reported that they are about \$1 billion short this year. However, later in the article it stated that the Rainy Day Fund is expected to have an additional \$10 billion. Given what is anticipated for the 2017 session, he is very pleased that higher education did as well as it did in the 2015 session, in terms of funds for new buildings and the 50% increase in HEAF, in addition to start-up funds for downward expansion for UHCL. In January at the start of the session the Comptroller will give his revenue estimate. Then in May he will give a revised estimate, which becomes the number the Legislature must balance against.

Prior to adjourning, Dr. Staples announced that members of the three shared governance committees should proceed to the following rooms for their kick-off meetings:

FSSC – Room B2230 – Ward Martaindale, Administrative Co-Chair

ULC – B2104 – Nichole Eslinger, Administrative Co-Chair

PBC – B2235 – Michelle Dotter, Administrative Co-Chair

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.