

## SEAC University Council Reports

Date Reported:

### University Council

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### University Council Executive Committee

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### Board of Trustees

Kathee Evans and Nathan Yost

#### Action Items CFO:

1. Improved general fund outlook, better revenue, increased state share of instruction, decreased utilities cost, government grants helped with funding as well, slight increase in compensation. Budget projection results in 19 Million **SURPLUS** in the end of the year.
2. Improved budget performance in auxiliary funds.
3. Favorable performance with mitigation of expenditures. Reduced expenses by \$4M from previous year. Looking to save an additional \$2M.
4. Procurement for more than \$500k – Recognize IUC Purchasing. Transition from Office Depot as a supplier to Staples as the new Vendor. \$1.6M will be spent over the next several years.
5. Course Fee Changes
6. Termination of UA Retirement Plan of Dr. Proenza 401a & b

FY2020 Gifts totaled \$11M, a total of 3308 Gifts

#### Enrollment:

- Admissions were slightly lower this year, but not much more than the previous year.
- Applications is down significantly
- Admissions down 3% to prior year
- Should see nominal increase in freshman class in the next year
- Retention was 90.62% in spring compared to fall credits delivered and around 91% in total student attendance

#### Strategic Planning:

- Was put on temporary suspension because of COVID.
- Dean CBA search – short list of candidates. Finalists on campus in late March, early April
- Search for new Director of Polymer Engineering – pool is still being formed
- Concluded search for Dean of Buchtel Arts & Sciences

#### Other Notes:

- Merged school names were discussed

#### Rules Committee:

- Two UA Rules revised
- Revision 20-05.1 & 60.03.3
- Proposed change to academic honors to part time students. Creates separate lists for full-time and part-times students. Deletes language regarding repeating courses.
- 60.03.3 Stipulates only the grade from last attempt will be used to calculate GPA for a class.

Regular BOT Meeting:

- UA and AUUP have come to a new agreement
- John & Sarah Adams provided a scholarship for students in financial planning

Action Items:

- Minutes were approved
- Finance
- Investment report: Financial Report for 6 months and revised fiscal year

Consent agenda was approved as amended.

Non-bargaining units temporary wage reduction was restored to pre-COVID compensation.

The Next Board of Trustees Meeting is Apr 21

**Budget & Finance**

**Communications**

Richard Newsome

No Report

**Information Technology**

Nathan Yost

No report.

**Institutional Advancement -**

Michele Novachek

The Institutional Advancement committee met on Friday, February 11. Lia Jones, Director of the Center of Gift and Estate Planning was our guest and presented on the subject of Planned Gifts, explaining the many vehicles available to our donors when establishing a legacy at UA.

**Physical Environment**

Max Fightmaster

Nothing to report.

**Recreation & Wellness**

Nancy Lupi

Committee goals: finding some resources after assessing students' needs. Mental Health funding - using to hire more support staff/ZipAssist and telehealth for counseling (John Mesina)

Students and faculty/staff are reporting being sick of screens and virtual meetings

Getting self-care resources to students - incentive for students to actually complete a self-care activity?

Send students information in ZipMail about counseling centers still being open

UCEC for UC Best Practices - important to make sure this goal links up to mental health goals for consistency. Narrowing down ways courses function for more consistent and predictable management of

their courses. Are virtual office hours the best option? It seems to be difficult for faculty as well as students.

RooFit - Possibly rolling this out in spring 2021. Virtual check-in days, get off screens, lose quarantine weight. Maybe students from CHP or Sports Science could take this on as project as accredited independent study. Kris will talk to Tim about students to analyze data. Adding a mental health component: meditation, facial, mani-pedi. Potentially adding a student RooFit program, maybe even a competition between students and faculty/staff. Could faculty/staff pay for students to join? Trophy as a prize could be a funny incentive.

### **Student Engagement & Success**

Katey Yinger

Discussed difference between CCP/AP/Early College

- CCP – formerly PSEO, students enroll and attend Level I classes. Primarily general education courses.
- AP – HS teachers are trained to teach AP classes, curriculum is standardized. At the end, a test is given that, depending on a student's score, can result in college credit.
- Early College – students can obtain associate's degree at the same time as high school graduation. There are four programs we partner with (Akron Early College HS, Portage Lakes Career Center, RG Drage Career Center, Barberton HS).

### **Talent Development & Human Resources**

Matthew Dowd

The HR Committee has received all the data from the survey provided to employees. We met after we received the data. We assigned individuals to summarize the data. We will produce reports from what has been collected. This feedback will then be used as a path moving forward in updating the Performance Review process that the committee has been asked to do.

### **Campus Community Outreach**

Keren Childers

No report.