



PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 7, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

Miller Administration Betty Hess Lampros Boardroom 319 and Zoom

PRESENT:

Dr. Brad Mortensen, President

Ms. Adrienne Andrews, Vice President of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion & Chief Diversity Officer

Dr. Ravi Krovi, Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs

Dr. Betsy Mennell, Vice President for University Advancement

Dr. Jessica Oyler, Vice President for Student Access & Success

Dr. Norm Tarbox, Vice President for Administrative Services

Ms. Stephanie Hollist, General Counsel

Ms. Aubrey Jenkins Lord, Staff Advisory Council Chair – Administrative Assoc./Provost's Office

Mr. John Kowalewski, Executive Director - Marketing & Communications

Ms. Sunita Pargass, Marketing Strategist

Ms. Amanda Geilman, Senior Assistant Registrar – Incoming SAC Chair

ZOOM ATTENDEES:

Dr. Bret Ellis, Vice President for Information Technology

Mr. Jason Francis, Faculty Senate Chair – Associate Professor/Health Sciences Librarian

Mr. Steven Richardson, Director of Strategic Initiatives

EXCUSED:

Ms. Sherri Cox, Executive Assistant

Call to Order:

President Brad Mortensen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed all in attendance. He excused Ms. Sherri Cox, acknowledged Ms. Aubrey Lord's last meeting as outgoing Staff Advisory Council chair and welcomed Ms. Amanda Geilman, who will start in her new role as Staff Advisory Council chair in July.

Meeting Minutes Approval (April 26, 2023):

Meeting minutes from April 26, 2023, were reviewed.

Approval: Meeting minutes from April 26, 2023, were approved.

Introduction of New Marketing Strategist:

Vice President Betsy Mennell turned time to John Kowalewski, who introduced the new marketing strategist, Sunita Pargass, who is replacing Amy Hajdas.

Federal Debt Ceiling Legislation and Potential HEERF III Clawbacks:

President Mortensen discussed the federal debt ceiling legislation and potential HEERF III clawbacks.

NCHEMS/SmithGroup Visit:

President Mortensen discussed the upcoming NCHEMS/SmithGroup visit to campus on June 14. USHE has hired two outside groups who are doing studies for them this summer in tandem. NCHEMS, the National Center for Higher Education Systems, is conducting a community college study. The SmithGroup will be evaluating our space utilization on campus.

USHE Council of President's Update:

President Mortensen discussed the USHE Council of President's Update. Policies were discussed for recommendations from institutions. A new board of eight members has been appointed.

Department Chair Recommendations:

Provost Ravi Krovi discussed three department chair recommendations from the College of Science. Bridget Hilbig, Brandon Burnett, and Marek Matyjasik.

Approval: The three department chair recommendations from the College of Science were approved to move to the next Board of Trustees meeting in the fall.

Other:

Other items briefly discussed by Vice President Tarbox included review of budgets, xeriscaping on campus, and various construction projects.

Upcoming Events:

Upcoming events were reviewed in the agenda packet.

Adjourn:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.