

# University Council Executive Committee

MINUTES      JANUARY 28, 2025      3:32-3:44 PM      TEAMS

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	Tonia Ferrell, Vice Chair
<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>PRESIDER</b>	Tonia Ferrell
<b>NOTE TAKER</b>	Heather Loughney
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<p><b>Attendees:</b> Grace DeWitt, Tracie Epner, Ed Evans, Blair Everett, Tonia Ferrell, Megan Frey, John Wiencek</p> <p><b>Absent with notice:</b></p> <p><b>Absent without notice:</b> Kris Kraft, Nate Mecker</p>
<b>Agenda topics:</b>	
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>TONIA FERRELL</b></span>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The chair called the meeting to order. The agenda was approved.</li> <li>The minutes of the December 17, 2024, meeting <a href="#">2024-12-17-minutes-uc-executive-committee-working.docx</a> were approved as distributed.</li> </ol>
<b>TOPIC SUBMISSIONS</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>TONIA FERRELL</b></span>	
	There were no new topic submissions.
<b>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>TONIA FERRELL</b></span>	
	<p>UC Participation – the chair shared that she had done some benchmarking work last fall and looked at shared governance of other institutions. She shared that Akron has a complex set of structures and bylaws compared to other universities. She is planning to revisit the restructuring plans for UC and will discuss further in the future.</p> <p>Guest speakers –  An invitation was sent to Abigail Ernst on Monday, January 27 for ZAB students to share their experiences at the February meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ February – ZAB students</li> <li>○ March – GSG</li> <li>○ April – USG</li> <li>○ Discussion to continue for May as students will not be available at that time.</li> </ul> <p>A question was asked if there were any student groups active in the summer. The chair responded that the ambassadors, Zippy would still be active. The ASL program will still be contacted. The June UC meeting will also have the budget presentation.</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEW BUSINESS</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>TONIA FERRELL</b></span></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February 11, 2025, UC agenda approved with edits.</li> <li>•</li> <li>• John Wiencek shared with the UCEC his intention to step down as Provost, effective end of the spring semester. June 1<sup>st</sup> will be his target date. He shared that he has been provost for 11 years at three different universities. He felt that he had helped those institutions through some big changes. He also expressed his appreciation for the collegiality and help he has received, and that UC has been a good partner. The Chair expressed appreciation of the UCEC for the provost’s work with UC and helping UC to define its role.</li> <li>• UCEC March meeting – scheduled for spring break. The chair will confirm with Kris Kraft and Nate Meeker, who were not in attendance, if they will be available and will communicate with the group about the date for the meeting.</li> </ul>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GOOD OF THE ORDER</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>TONIA FERRELL</b></span></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 pm.</li> </ul>