

## University Council

December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016

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2 – 3 PM

**Attendees:** Victoria Brock, Josh Gunn, Ken Harmon, Keisha Love, Ron Matson, Sam Olens, Kathy Rechsteiner, Kathy Schwaig, Stacey Solomon, and Humayun Zafar.

**Absent:** Joya Carter-Hicks and Paul Parker

**Guest(s):** Tammy DeMel

### Agenda

1. The meeting began at 2 PM.
2. Introductions
3. Comments from President Olens
  - a. President Olens thanked the committee for its work.
4. From Faculty Senate: Transition committee - any potential role of this body?
  - a. Humayun Zafar raised the role of this committee in light of the President's Transition Committee being formed. Dr. Harmon mentioned that the University Council is a coordinating body that does not need its own voice.
  - b. Kathy Rechsteiner asked how each shared governance body should select members to serve on the Transition Committee. President Olens specified that it is up to each shared governance body
5. Other business.
  - a. Keisha Love (Chairs and Directors Assembly)
    - i. Need additional faculty and operating funds in light of a rising student body.
      1. President Olens and Dr. Harmon both highlighted the enrolment management model that allows for resources to be managed effectively. Dr. Harmon mentioned that he has asked for 55 faculty lines. He also stated that President Olens had provided data about the relatively low general funding per FTE.
    - ii. New minors on campus policy and its impact on recruiting and budgets (expensive to run background checks).

1. Dr. Harmon mentioned that in regard to minors on campus policy, there was not too much latitude to either have it or not. The cost of background checks will have to be factored in the cost of a program. Dr. Harmon also mentioned the possibility of moving these programs under the VP of Economic Development and Community Engagement.
  - iii. Issues with the new IRB policy and possible overreach in areas not pertaining to the purpose of the IRB.
    1. Dr. Harmon and President Olens both specified that Charlie Amlaner has resolved some of these concerns, and others are being looked at.
  - iv. Concerns about appointments for key positions at KSU and how can we ensure transparency and shared governance.
    1. President Olens replied that at least two positions require approval from downtown, it's not the President's decision, but a joint decision: CBO and auditor positions. He specified that we are carrying out searches for HR, CIO, two different searches for deans.
- b. Kathy Rechsteiner (Staff Senate)
- i. Parking is still free for employees on the Marietta campus. Therefore, if there is a budget crunch it impacts the Kennesaw campus only. The tiered parking recommendation will be at least four times the current cost.
    1. President Olens specified that once a recommendation reaches his desk he will make a decision based on input received from all shared governance bodies.
  - ii. Holiday
    1. President Olens stated that we should expect the policy to change calendar year 2017.
- c. Josh Gunn (Administrators Council)
- i. Asked about the number of staff lines requested.
    1. Dr. Harmon did not have that number. He specified that it would be better to get funding as opposed to a set number of lines.
- d. Victoria Brock (Student Government Association)
- i. Victoria stated that not many questions were raised at their last meeting due to students preparing for their exams.
- e. Kathy Schwaig (Deans Council)

- i. Thoughts about strategic planning.
      - 1. According to President Olens he has met with Jorge Perez multiple times and talked to him about the strategic plan and all things accreditation. He (President Olens) will be at the SACSCOS conference over the weekend.
  - f. Humayun Zafar (Faculty Senate)
    - i. Concerns about graduate programs
      - 1. President Olens stated that after a new graduate dean is hired then a committee will be formed to look at all programs for areas of prospective growth and reduction.
6. The meeting adjourned at 2:58 pm