

**University Council Cabinet
Meeting Summary
November 27, 2023
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
130 Burruss Hall & Zoom Videoconference**

Present: Joe Merola (co-chair), April Myers, Kim O'Rourke, Amy Sebring, Dwayne Edwards, Evan Lavender-Smith, Robert Weiss, Janice Austin, LaTawnya Burleson, & Kiera Schneiderman

Absent with notice: Cyril Clarke & Julie Ross

Absent: Menah Pratt & Rachel Maizel

Dr. Merola called the hybrid meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. A quorum was present.

1. **Adoption of Agenda** - A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adopt the agenda.

2. **Actions/Decisions**

1. The consent agenda included the approval of the University Council meeting agenda for December 4, 2023, and confirmed that CFA Resolution 2023-24B – Resolution to Approve Revise Extension Faculty Track is within the scope of CFA's charge. Kim O'Rourke noted that as the resolution is refined, it needs to incorporate a redline showing exactly how chapter 14 of the Faculty Handbook needs to be changed.
2. The cabinet approved UC Resolution 2023-24A Resolution to Revise the University Council Bylaws with two amendments made.
 - a. The first amendment was to retain the Information Technology Services and Systems Committee instead of eliminating it at this point in time. Amy Sebring is supportive of eliminating the committee in the future after the new Vice President for Information Technology begins employment and the new IT Governance System develops a mechanism for incorporating a feedback loop into its structure.
 - b. The second amendment was to strike all references in Article III, Section 3. University Council Cabinet Evaluation pertaining to expanding the UC Cabinet's authority to include the determination of whether a matter is appropriate for the shared governance system.
3. The Cabinet began discussions on what matters do or do not belong in shared governance in response to the draft document prepared. Robert Weiss drew a distinction between shared governance and shared leadership and suggested that the conversation about what matters are appropriate for the shared governance system including the differences between shared leadership and shared governance should involve various stakeholder groups. The document, "Shared Leadership in Higher Education: Important Lessons from Research and Practice" was cited and will be uploaded to the University Council Cabinet SharePoint site as a reference document. This discussion will be continued at the January 29, 2024, UC Cabinet meeting. In the meantime, the Cabinet could utilize the draft shared governance document as a guideline for its decisions, as appropriate, until a statement about what matters are appropriate for shared governance is developed for inclusion in the UC Constitution.
4. The Cabinet will discuss proposed changes to the University Council Constitution at the January 29, 2024, UC Cabinet meeting.

3. **Adjournment** - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.