

UCA Strategic Planning and Resource Council
May 3, 2013
Minutes

Dr. Reese opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m. in Wingo Hall 309.

Attendees Present:

Dr. Nancy Reese, Chair

Dr. Charles Watson, President, Faculty Senate

Stephanie McBrayer, President, Staff Senate

Absent:

Adam Price, President, Student Government Association

Discussion:

- This was the first SPARC meeting for the new Faculty Senate President, Dr. Charles Watson.
- Dr. Reese reviewed past year events, provided an overview of the workings of SPARC, SPC, and SBAC, and discussed potential areas for change in the process.
- Discussion ensued regarding the current focus on preparation for the HLC visit and the interaction of the HLC report and the Strategic Plan.
- Additional discussion followed regarding areas of university focus, such as student retention, which are not explicitly contained in the strategic plan.
- The Council discussed the current review process for the strategic plan and ways to make it more efficient and inclusive of members of upper administration who would be driving the goals and objectives of the plan. The following points were made:
 - The process of reviewing the forum comments with SPC is cumbersome and inefficient.
 - The comments of the forums must be digested.
 - A less cumbersome process for review and change of the strategic plan needs to be developed.
 - Review and suggested changes to the plan may need to occur at the level of SPARC, with suggested changes then brought to the SPC for discussion and a final vote.
 - A representative from upper administration, and perhaps a member of the UCA BOT, should be a part of the SPARC review and revision of the strategic plan.
- Dr. Reese asked for a scheduled meeting with SPC to finish the forum comments. The suggested date will be Tuesday, June 4, 2013 from 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in Wingo 315.
- The regularly scheduled meetings on June 6 and 7, 2013 will be canceled, as Dr. Reese will be away at a conference.
- Dr. Reese will request a meeting with President Courtway to discuss administrative involvement in strategic planning.
- Changes in the Strategic Plan need to go before the BOT for approval this summer.
- At the next meeting, SPARC will discuss meeting once a month instead of twice.

Next Meeting: 1:40 p.m., May 28, 2013 in Wingo 211

Meeting Adjourned: 8:47 a.m.

