

University High School Council

Minutes 2021-2022

Meeting Date: 12/7/2021

Meeting Location: RUHS Library & ZOOM

Members present	Administration	Faculty	Students	Parents
	B. Ranjel	T. Gribble	E. Cleveland	
	A. Evans	A. Morris	A. Munjal	J. Mandolini
	J. Apaez-Gutierrez	K. Nieves Pichardo	S. Kim	M. Root
		M. Palos	E. Leroy	S. Rosenberg
		R. Schmidt	D. Quihuis	J. Salyards
		L. Schuneman	A. Ramos	
	Community Members	S. Stuart	S. Titus	D. Wilson
	D. Guthrie	J. Marchant	A. Goldberg	T. Wroth
Members absent	Community Members	Faculty	A. Goldberg	Parents
	D. Tellez			B. Holtzman
				C. Turnbull

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:35pm by Schmidt
- II. Approval of the Agenda
  - a. Motion to approve.
    - i. Motion- Schuneman
    - ii. Second- Ranjel
  - b. Agenda approved by unanimous consent
- III. Approval of the November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Minutes
  - a. Motion to approve.
    - i. Motion- Ramos
    - ii. Second- Stuart
  - b. Minutes approved by unanimous consent
- IV. Call to Audience
  - a. None
- V. Discussion and Action Items
  - a. Action Item: Approval Policy Revision for Incoming Sophomore Students
    - i. See Appendix A for proposed policy change language
    - ii. Due to low enrollment last year, asked to come up with policy for admission of sophomores

- iii. A one year only policy (only the incoming sophomores for 22-23 school year)
- iv. Approval of policy as written
  - i. Motion - Marchant
  - ii. Second – Morris
- v. Concern (Salyards) - “case by case” basis on accepted course; can we make a one to one transfer?
  - i. (Schmidt) if approved for one sophomore will be approved for all, but don’t want it to be confused with 9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> grade requirements
- vi. Comment (Rosenberg) - have we accepted 10<sup>th</sup> grade transfers in the past?
  - i. (Schmidt) - yes, but on a limited basis; this is a one year approval, so that FTE and courses are not affected in the future
- vii. Questions (Rosenberg) – do students have to take the exam by a certain point to take the exam?
  - i. (Schmidt) - they have to register and take it through TUSD; now and all the way up to the month of May with the possibility of qualifying
- viii. Questions (Rosenberg) - how does the impact of the group of students coming in from other places, different schools & curriculum, affect class rank of the future.
  - i. (Schmidt) not sure yet of the affects
- ix. Question (Morris) - is there a certain # we’re looking to get as sophomores? What if we have an immense amount qualify?
  - i. (Schmidt) - typical grade level caps instituted by admissions (not a hard and fast number) will be used.
- x. Questions (?) - How large is freshman class?
  - i. Last count was 240.
- xi. Questions (Wroth) - is this including more items to recruit 10<sup>th</sup> grade instead of lowering standards?
  - i. (Schmidt) - No change to standards, just the process that we’ll go through. May look at these processes and incorporating them into future years.
- xii. Comment (Wroth) - as a transfer parent the social part of the transition was difficult, the more social support the better
- xiii. Questions (Wilson) – how many students transfer to other TUSD high schools after sophomore year?
  - i. (Schmidt) not much attrition from sophomore to junior year; would need more data on this
- xiv. Unanimously approved

xv.

	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Not Present
Apaez-Gutierrez	X			
Cleveland	X			
Evans	X			
Goldberg	X			
Gribble	X			
Guthrie	X			
Holtzman				X
Kim	X			
Leroy	X			
Mandolini	X			
Marchant	X			
Morris	X			
Munjal	X			
Nieves Pichardo	X			

**Roll Call Vote:**

	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Not Present
Palos	X			
Quihuis	X			
Ramos	X			
Ranjel	X			
Root	X			
Rosenberg	X			
Salyards	X			
Schmidt			X	
Schuneman	X			
Stuart	X			
Tellez	X			
Titus	X			
Turnbull				X
Wilson	X			
Wroth	X			

VI. Committee & Misc. Reports

a. Principal's Report – Ranjel

- i. Adjusted schedule for finals next week
- ii. Choir & band concerts this week
- iii. COVID pool testing every Monday during conference
  1. Higher number's opting in, but fewer people showing up to test
  2. (0) positive cases reported so far
- iv. Coffee with the Principal
  1. New faces showed up!
  2. Hopefully live meeting in January
- v. Final Student of the Month breakfast for the semester (Tues, Dec. 14)
  1. Feedback – what is your favorite thing about UHS? If you were principal for the day, what would you change?
    - a. Mostly all say they enjoy the community at UHS
- vi. Winter Sports in full swing

b. Tax Credit & Budget Committee Report – Guthrie

- i. Should be receiving some grants soon!

c. Recruitment and Retention – Apaez-Gutierrez

- i. Dec 8<sup>th</sup> – last day of testing
- ii. Last round of make ups for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students not tested last year and admissions window is closed

- d. Instructional Council (IC) - Schuneman
  - i. Not many meetings this month because of days before holiday/days off
  - ii. Started discussion on: What opportunities will be available for students for credit recovery this coming summer?
- e. UHS Foundation & Alumni Association (UHSFAA) – Guthrie
  - i. Chipping away at budget for Keys to College & Microgrant
  - ii. Microgrant – recently sponsored 2 students for Keys to Launch, Space Program
- f. UHS Parents’ Association – they will be meeting this Thursday
- g. Student Council – Quihuis
  - i. Movie Night (Friday 12/10) – two different movies, two different times
  - ii. Spirit Week for Finals Week
  - iii. Planning inaugural (January 29, 7-11) – at Savoy (?) Opera House
  - iv. Prom (April 23) looking for venue; possible theme of enchanted garden
  - v. Question (Gribble) – What happened at the Town Hall meetings?
    - 1. (Quihuis) didn’t get much attendance other than the Junior class, thanks to Ms. Stuart.
      - a. Juniors - talked a lot about testing falling all on the same day and were hoping to alleviate that.
      - b. Seniors - talked about college applications and keeping grades up
      - c. Sophomores - mentioned getting back into being in person
      - d. Freshman – difficulty making friends
- VII. Request for Agenda Items for next meeting (please submit action & discussion items to Schmidt through email.)
- VIII. Reminders:
  - a. School Council meeting time and place will be posted 24 hours in advance (on UHS Admin. Bulletin Board and in public). Attendance and minutes will be submitted to a School Council officer prior to the next meeting.
  - b. Please observe proper decorum and schedule your time to be able to attend the entire School Council meeting. Each meeting should last 90 minutes and will be adjourned by 5:00 p.m. A quorum, your time, and your participation are valued assets of the UHS School Council.
- IX. Adjournment at
  - i. Motion: Gribble
  - ii. Second: Mandolini
  - iii. Motion passes by unanimous consent.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**APPENDIX A:**

Existing Policy Language:

**I.A.3.1. – Requirements for Admission to UHS for Sophomores.** Admission to UHS for 10<sup>th</sup> grade is based on students having received a 7 or more on the entrance test score for Freshman admission and a 3.0 GPA or higher from their freshman year.

Proposed Additional Language:

**I.A.3.1.A. - DUE TO THE LOWER ENROLLMENT NUMBER FOR THE CLASS OF 2025, A LARGER NUMBER OF INCOMING SOPHOMORES WILL BE RECRUITED FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR.**

**1) AN ENTRANCE TEST SCORE OF 7 OR MORE AND 3.0 FRESHMAN GPA WILL STILL BE REQUIRED AS STATED IN POLICY I.A.3.1**

**2) EACH INCOMING SOPHOMORE'S 9TH GRADE TRANSCRIPT WILL BE EVALUATED BY THE UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION AND COUNSELING DEPARTMENT INDIVIDUALLY.**

**3) RECIPROCITY FOR COURSES THAT MEET ARIZONA STATE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS WILL BE GRANTED TO MEET UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.**

**4) ALL INCOMING SOPHOMORES FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE PLACED ON A LIST TO RECEIVE OBSERVATION AND SUPPORT FROM THE MULTI-TIERED SUPPORT SYSTEM (MTSS) COORDINATOR FOR THE ENTIRETY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.**

**5) ALL INCOMING SOPHOMORES WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE UHS MATH PLACEMENT TEST AND WILL BE PLACED INTO THE MOST APPROPRIATE MATH COURSE BASED ON THEIR RESULTS.**

**5) THIS POLICY REVISION WILL EITHER BE SUPERSEDED BY FUTURE ADMISSION POLICY OR WILL BE SUNSET FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR.**