

University High School Council

Minutes 2019-2020

Meeting Date: 12/10/2019

Meeting Location: RUHS Library

Members present	Administration	Faculty	Students	Parents
	Amy Cislak	Beth Braun	Julian Barraza	Barney Holtzman
	Joel Bacalia	Kimberly King	Brian Belakovsky	Karen Peters
		Jeff Marchant	Rachel Dai	Lea Standridge
		Ann Mitchell	Hannah Dyer	Kara Vathhauer
		Mike Schmidt	Reia Li	George Youngerman
		Leiba Schuneman	Daniella Quihuis-Granillo	
	Community Members	Hannah Sinclair		
	Kris Tully	Matt Ulrich		
Members absent	Community Members	Faculty	Students	Parents
	Kevin Gebert		Iselle Barrios	Marisa Menchola
	Administration		Andy Pendleton	Chris Read
	Andrea Evans			Tim Sonier

- I. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Motion to approve.
 - i. Motion by Sinclair.
 - ii. Second by Belakovsky.
 - b. No items for discussion.
 - c. Minutes approved by unanimous consent.
- II. Approval of the November 12th, 2019 Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve.
 - i. Motion by Sinclair.
 - ii. Second by Ulrich.
 - b. No items for discussion.
 - c. Minutes approved by unanimous consent.
- III. Call to the Audience
 - a. David Herring present to field questions re Computer Science course offering.
- IV. Discussion & Action Items
 - a. Action Item: Approval of proposed new course offering – Third-Year Computer Science

- i. David Herring. Course would build on previous 2 AP computer courses. Could include machine learning. Student interest a driving factor. Bacalia question about impact to other elective options. Relatively small number of students eligible (20-30). Vathauer question about equipment.
 - ii. Motion to approve.
 - 1. Motion by Holtzman.
 - 2. Second by Vathauer.
 - iii. Motion approved by roll call vote.
 - 1. 21 yes
 - 2. 0 no
 - b. Action Item: Approval of proposed new course offering – Dual-Enrolled 4th year English course
 - i. 2 policy changes. Alteration of UHS English graduation requirement and new course description.
 - ii. Motion to approve.
 - 1. Motion by Standridge.
 - 2. Second by Peters.
 - iii. Discussion: Holtzman question regarding rationale. AP Lit does not fit the needs of many of our students. Many students have already earned college English credit from AP Lang. Li comment about limitations of the AP Lit curriculum. Standridge question: seniors only? Yes. Li question about Film course. This will be replacing it. Holtzman question about possibility of writing 101 as an alternative to AP Lang.
 - iv. Motion approved by roll call vote.
 - 1. 20 yes
 - 2. 1 no
 - b. Discussion Item: Postponement of proposed new course offering – Agricultural Science
 - i. Course needs to be part of a 3 year sequence. Currently unsure if we have enough students able to fit 3 years into their schedules. Looking at alternatives.
 - c. Discussion Item: UHS Grad Night-updates and request for student input
 - i. Vathauer. Entertainment component of grad night feels stale to committee. Looking for ideas to revamp activities. Video game truck option. Li: the togetherness is the most important thing. Laser tag and escape room have been a big hit in the past. Suggestion of cards and games. Maybe slot machines. Student input can be shared with Lisa Volkening.
- V. Committee & Misc. Reports
 - a. Principal's Report – Cislak
 - i. Semester is wrapping up. Finals are in full swing. Campus will be closed over break. Report cards will not be mailed home.
 - ii. Big recruitment event tonight. Letters of acceptance going out in January.
 - iii. Boost and Blast programs are running again next summer.
 - iv. Challenge Success events next semester. Data from surveys went live recently. Consultant will be coming to work with our campus next

semester. Students are sleeping an average of 6.5 hours per night. 46% of students perceive lack of parental pride. Majority of student felt quality of life would be improved by less homework and coordinated assessments. Freshmen house program next year to assist in coordinating assessments and assignments. Parent and teacher data coming soon. Student response rate: very high.

- b. Tax Credit & Budget Committee Report – Youngerman
 - i. No balance update.
 - ii. Requests from band, science Olympiad, and dance is coming.
 - iii. Youngerman submitted verbal resignation as budget committee chairman, school council member, and parent association member. Will email formal resignation.
- c. Recruitment and Retention Committee Report– Bacalia
 - i. 280 testers in December.
 - ii. Prospective class size? 320-340 estimate
- d. Instructional Council Report – Mitchell
 - i. Discussion about parking lot flows.
 - ii. Many discussions about how to support students. Active participation/class structure/communication between teachers.
- e. UHS Foundation & Alumni Association – Tully
 - i. Discussing ways to improve happiness of UHS students. Interested in supporting counseling department as much as possible. Always interested in suggestions.
- f. UHS Parents' Association – Peters
 - i. Still looking for a president.
 - ii. Request for UHSPA to fill the 3 vacated parent seats on School Council – from Schmidt
- g. Student Council Report – Barraza
 - i. Planning Inaugural Ball, February 1st. Location reservations have been made.
 - ii. Still working on bringing monthly movies to campus.
 - iii. Students have been doing campus clean-up during 6th hour class.
- VI. Request for Agenda Items for next meeting (please submit action & discussion items in electronic format)
- VII. 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.

- VIII. Adjournment at 4:27 p.m.
- a. Motion to adjourn.
 - i. Motion by Standridge
 - ii. Second by Li
 - b. Passes by Unanimous consent.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 14th, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. in the RUHS Library.