

UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES

May 18, 2023

Attendees: Phil Phillips, Greg Ramirez, Jim Gash, Maretno Agus Harjoto, Nicolle Taylor, Sean Burnett, Marc Goodman, Danny DeWalt, Connie Horton, Michael Feltner, Thomas Knudsen, Lee Kats, Donna Nofziger Plank

Absent: Gary Hanson, Jay Brewster, Lauren Cosentino

I. UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CALL TO ORDER

Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Phil Phillips called the University Management Committee meeting to order. Michael Feltner opened in prayer. The meeting was held via Zoom on Thursday, May 18, 2023.

II. MEETING MINUTES

Upon the motion duly made and seconded, the University Management Committee minutes of the April 20, 2023 meeting were approved.

III. GOOGLE STORAGE CHANGES

Associate Chief Information Officer Kevin Phan, Director of IT Systems and Network Dave Holden, and Chief Information Officer Jonathan See explained forthcoming changes to Google's storage allowance for institutions of higher education, and presented an implementation plan and timeline. The Committee asked questions and requested that timeline be extended and an adequate communication be distributed to the community in advance.

IV. BENEFITS UPDATE

Vice President and Chief Business Officer Nicolle Taylor, Associate Vice President for Human Resources and Business Services Sean Michael Phillips, and Director of Human Resources Kyle Stiemsma provided a preview of the upcoming benefits proposal to be evaluated by the Benefits Committee in late June. Vice President and Chief Business Officer Nicolle Taylor spoke about the market trends in the medical insurance industry, challenges facing the University with rising costs, and Pepperdine's efforts to negotiate with carriers. In light of recent conversations with carriers Anthem and Aetna, the University is considering switching carriers in the upcoming year, for which a brief cost-benefit analysis was provided. Additional resources and a formal proposal will be shared with the Benefits Committee ahead of the upcoming meeting in June during which a vote will take place.

V. INSTALLATION OF DEBORAH BUTTERFIELD'S HAKU MELE

Managing Director for the Lisa Smith Wengler Center for the Arts Rebecca Carson and Museum Director Andrea Gyorody presented a proposal to permanently install Deborah Butterfield's Haku Mele sculpture outside of Smothers Theater. Museum Director Andrea Gyorody shared the artwork's history, how the University acquired the piece, and the reasoning for moving it to an outdoor location. With the intention of the artwork being displayed in the elements, the Lisa Smith Wengler Center for the Arts partnered with the Department of Facilities Services to prepare a routine maintenance plan. Upon the motion duly made and seconded, the installation of Deborah Butterfield's Haku Mele sculpture outside of Smothers Theater was approved.

VI. REMOVAL OF PLEXIGLASS

Vice President and Chief Business Officer Nicolle Taylor presented a recommendation to remove the remainder of the plexiglass barriers installed during the pandemic throughout the University. As the County and the University relax COVID-19 protocols, a plan has been developed for the mass removal and recycling of the plexiglass throughout the summer months. A few individuals on the Committee inquired about considering an exception policy. Overall, the Committee was supportive of the removal of plexiglass barriers across the various campuses and a process was approved by which an exception can be requested.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Unless otherwise notified, the next meeting will be held on June 12, 2023.