University Council Cabinet  
Meeting Summary  
February 12, 2024  
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.  
130 Burruss Hall & Zoom Videoconference

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

**Absent with notice:** Cyril Clarke (co-chair)

**Absent:** Menah Pratt

Dr. Merola called the hybrid meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

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

2. **Actions/Decisions**
   
   1. Requests were made to remove the Commission on Graduate and Professional Student Affairs Resolution 2023-24A – Resolution to Protect Against Caste and Caste-Based Discrimination and the Commission on Staff Polices and Affairs Resolution 2023-24B – Resolution to Form a Task Force to Review Supplement Program for Eligible Staff and Compensation for Staff and Non-Student Wage Employees from the consent agenda for brief comments to be made.

   2. The consent agenda, which consisted of the University Council meeting agenda for February 19, 2024, the Commission on Faculty Affairs Resolution 2023-24D – Resolution to Amend the Provisions for Membership and Elections in the Faculty Senate Constitution, and the Commission on Faculty Affairs Resolution 2023-24E – Resolution to Endorse the Statement on the Responsible Use of Metrics at the University Level, was approved.

   3. The cabinet approved Commission on Graduate and Professional Student Affairs Resolution 2023-24A- Resolution to Protect Against Caste and Caste-Based Discrimination.

      a. A suggestion was made that the Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity (CEOED) should be included in the discussions surrounding this resolution. It was indicated that CEOED has already been contacted regarding this resolution.

   4. The cabinet approved the Commission on Staff Policies and Affairs Resolution 2023-24B - Resolution to Form a Task Force to Review Supplement Program for Eligible Staff and Compensation for Staff and Non-Student Wage Employees.

      a. In discussion, it was noted that the establishment of this task force may be deemed unnecessary given that the data most likely already exists. There was no opposition to the resolution; however, there is a concern of not expending additional time and resources on redundant efforts. CSPA will take this into consideration.

   5. The cabinet discussed the Faculty Senate’s comments and suggested revisions to UC Resolution 2023-24A – Resolution to Amend the University Council Bylaws. UC Resolution 2023-24A will be revised as agreed upon during the discussion and presented for second reading and vote at the February 19 University Council meeting.

   6. The cabinet completed discussions on the proposed changes to the University Council Constitution. Edits will be made to the recommended University Council Constitution changes document as a result of the discussion. A resolution will be drafted (UC 2023-
24B) and distributed to the senates within the next few days. This resolution will be on the University Council agenda for first reading at the March 18, 2024, meeting.

3. **Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.