

Agenda

University High School Council

Date: 10/14/2025

Time: 3:30 pm

Location: HYBRID RUHS Library (East-side) or <https://tusd1.zoom.us/j/85800588678>

Topic: October School Council Meeting

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Agenda:

I. Call meeting to order

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Approve minutes of the last meeting

IV. Call to the audience

V. Action/Discussion Items

- a. Discussion Item – Sharing of response from TUSD legal regarding the proposed policy, constitution, strategic plan, and academic dishonesty policy.
 - i. How do we wish to proceed in the adaptation of documents to meet the changes required by TUSD?
 - ii. Additional change before resubmission: Instructional Council as a subcommittee of the school council or a stakeholder representation group?

VI. Reports

- a. Principal's Report
- b. Policy Review Committee
- c. Tax Credit & Budget Committee

- d. Recruitment and Retention**
- e. Instructional Council**
- f. UHS Foundation and Alumni Association**
- g. UHS Parent Association**
- h. UHS Student Council**

VII. Agenda proposals for the next meeting

- a. Draft agenda for the next meeting will be sent out the week before the meeting date**
 - i. Any school council member can request a discussion or action item by sending an email to the facilitator (Robert.schmidt@tusd1.org) before the agenda is finalized.**

VIII. Adjournment

Response from TUSD:

Sorry again for the delayed response on this, but here are some thoughts:

- ***The strategic plan looks ok to me.***
- ***In the academic integrity policy, there's some language on the last page about the appeals process. We should be clear that if there is a Code of Conduct violation that results in suspension, then the student/family may appeal that using the processes set out in Regulation JK-R1.***
- ***In the UHS Policy & By-Laws, there are some things that caught my eye, mostly about the stated authority of the school council:***
 - ***School council cannot approve a course or curriculum for the school. The most they can do is recommend it for TUSD Board approval. (Statute allows the Board to delegate that authority, but our Board has not done so.)***
 - ***District policy authorizes school councils to form interview committees for administrator hiring, but not for other hiring. The by-laws talk about hiring of other faculty and staff, so I'm not sure what the intention is there, but I would flag that to make sure it aligns with the council's actual authority.***
 - ***On page 22, it basically says that non-UHS courses cannot be considered for graduation from UHS. That seems in conflict with the requirements of District policy IKF and the state regulations that talk about other ways to earn high school credit. It may be that the evaluation of whether a course is equivalent is different, but I don't know that we can just shut the door on non-UHS courses. I see that there are exceptions laid out on page 24, but I still have reservations about the default rule.***
- ***Some additional, sometimes related thoughts on the Constitution documents:***
 - ***If the Board adopted a mission statement for UHS, then the school council does not have any authority I can see to change that statement. It could recommend a proposed change to the Board for approval, though.***
 - ***There's a statement in the first paragraph of page 2 that the council "must reflect the ethnic composition of the local community." This isn't quite accurate. The statute says that the council "shall take into consideration the ethnic composition of the local community." That is a small but significant difference.***
 - ***The duties and powers statement on page 3 is very broad. The school council only has the duties and powers delegated to it by the Governing Board. Those include the following:***
 - ***Making recommendations about the school's 301 plan goals;***

- *Participating in the administrator hiring process;*
 - *Recommending allocation of the school's discretionary budget;*
 - *Recommending curriculum;*
 - *Determining the use of undesignated tax credits;*
 - *Choosing to recommend to the Board that UHS adopt a school uniform or other school-specific dress code;*
 - *Certain decisions about student participation in fundraising; and*
 - *Considering additional methods for notifying families of student absences.*
- *I have similar concerns about the statement of the council's authority in the paragraph on "School Administration" that spans pages 4-5 and in the paragraph on "Legislative Power" on page 5. The council may make recommendations on certain things, but the descriptions here sound like they are exercising far more authority than the Board has delegated. There seems to be an assumption that the school council has authority based on statute and the state constitution, beyond any authority delegated by the Board. But that's incorrect. The statute allows the Board to delegate authority, but doesn't require it. And nothing provides the school council with additional authority beyond that which is delegated.*