

Meeting Minutes

University High School Council

Date: 1/13/2026

Time: 3:30 pm

Location: HYBRID RUHS Library (East-side) or <https://tusd1.zoom.us/j/81106733271>

Attendance:

Members present	Administration	Faculty	Students	Parents
	K. Bristow	K. Balzer	S. Beutel	K. Citron
	J. Miller	G. Guerrero - Muniz	B. Chabra	D. Daniell
		N. Hamilton	L. Chambers-Daniell	S. Downer
	Staff		M. Didan	A. Kelly
	K. Messing	J. Marchant	M. MacDonald	A. Nelson
	Community Members	J. Ollanik	M. Nishat	
	D. Guthrie	L. Placencia Carranza	W. Ruiz	
	D. Tellez	R. Schmidt	J. Tran	D. Wilson
Members absent	Administration	Faculty	Students	Parents
	A. Ranjel	B. Hill		A. Ruiz
				A. Rohrback
	Staff			
	Community Members			

Minutes:

I. Call meeting to order

- a. Chair called meeting to order at 3:36pm

II. Approval of minutes from the last meeting

- a. Motion presented: to approve the minutes from December meeting
 - i. Motioned By: Daniell
 - ii. Seconded By: Messing

- b. Vote Type: Unanimous consent
 - i. Result: Passes

III. Approval of Agenda

- a. Motion presented: Approve the agenda as is for today's meeting
 - i. Motioned By: Daniell
 - ii. Seconded By: Guerrero

- b. Vote Type: Unanimous consent
 - i. Result: Passes

IV. Call to the audience:

- a. No audience members ask to speak.

V. Action/ Discussion Items:

- a. **Action Item:** Recommend the adoption of Dual-Enrolled Vector Calculus into the UHS course catalog.
 - i. Discussion/Debate:
 1. Schmidt: These are classes our students are already taking, only at UA, and with the addition of these it can put the course on their High School transcript which demonstrates they are continuing in math and hopefully contribute to their weighted GPA as well.
 2. Daniell: What do they do now?
 3. Messing: Submit the transcript alongside their HS transcripts when they apply to or enroll in colleges.

4. Nishat: From personal experience, maintaining the schedule and virtuality of the UA courses presented many challenges with scheduling and managing high school courses. This would make those conflicts easier to manage from a student's perspective.
 5. Citron: Who would teach it?
 6. Bristow: It would be a certified math teacher on campus. It must be a high school teacher so the class can be on the transcript. Listing this in the course guide means we could run the class if and when we have a teacher available to do it on campus and enough interested students to run it.
- ii. Motion for action item: Pending TUSD Governing Board approval, UHS School Council recommends the adoption of Dual-Enrolled Vector Calculus into the UHS course catalog.
 - iii. Motion: Ruiz
 - iv. Second: Bristow
 - v. Vote Type: Roll Call
 1. Result: Passes (27-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain)
- b. Action Item:** Recommend adoption of Dual-Enrolled Differential Equations into the UHS course catalog.
- i. Discussion/Debate: none
- c. Motion for action item:** Pending TUSD Governing Board approval, UHS School Council recommends adoption of Dual-Enrolled Differential Equations into the UHS course catalog.
- i. Motion: Messing
 - ii. Second: Guerrero
 - iii. Vote Type: Roll Call
 1. Result: Passes (27-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain)
- d. Action Item:** Recommend adoption of Dual-Enrolled Linear Algebra into the UHS course catalog.
- i. Discussion/Debate: none
 - ii. Motion for action item: Pending TUSD Governing Board approval, UHS School Council recommends adoption of Dual-Enrolled Linear Algebra into the UHS course catalog.
 - iii. Motion: Guerrero
 - iv. Second: Bristow
 - v. Vote Type: Roll Call
 1. Result: Passes (27-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain)
- e. Action Item:** Recommend adoption of TUSD Approved course: Dual-Enrolled Physics into the UHS course catalog.
- i. Discussion/Debate:

1. Bristow: We currently offer AP Physics 1 and C, an equitable alternate option could be Dual Enrolled Physics. Looking to support students who don't want to take the AP. If you receive a C or better in class you get college credit. Worth 4 credits at PCC. The AP exam gives up to 8 credits. It's another option for Physics 1. Anyone who stays in state will get the science credit at a public Arizona University, if they go out of state they could get at least general credit. This would align our campus with options across departments.
 2. Daniell: AP and Dual Enrollment would be taught separately?
 3. Bristow: Yes, they would be different classes from each other.
 4. Schmidt: Any information about a fee increase next year?
 5. Bristow: Not yet, meeting coming up to get clarity.
 6. Schmidt: So this could also be cheaper for students?
 7. Bristow: Yes, it will likely still be free and at least cheaper than an AP exam
 8. Nishat: Would we need to employ more teachers?
 9. Bristow: No, we have Mr. Silva approved to teach it!
- ii. Motion for action item: UHS School Council recommends the adoption of TUSD Approved course: Dual-Enrolled Physics into the UHS course catalog.
 - iii. Motion: Daniell
 - iv. Second: Hamilton
 - v. Vote Type: Roll Call
 1. Result: Passes (27-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain)
- f. Action Item:** Approve the amended UHS Academic Integrity Policy (including one TUSD recommended edit) for immediate adoption at UHS.
- i. Discussion/Debate:
 1. Schmidt: We did this last May, then presented notes from legal in August, Policy Review Committee met and edited. The single edit we were given was 'please add a comment ensuring students are informed that they can appeal a suspension that is the result of the academic honesty document'.
 - ii. Motion for action item: UHS School Council approves the amended UHS Academic Integrity Policy for immediate adoption at UHS.
 - iii. Motion: Messing
 - iv. Second: Tran
 - v. Vote Type: Roll Call
 1. Result: Passes (27-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain)
- g. Action Item:** Approve the amended UHS Strategic Plan (no TUSD recommended edits) for immediate adoption at UHS.

- i. Discussion/Debate:
 - 1. Schmidt We need the Board to approve the new mission statement, but pending that approval we can vote.
 - 2. Daniell and Downer: What about the blank sections?
 - 3. Schmidt: Those are still in process. We want to adopt the rest of the document so we can implement it while we build on those intended sections.
 - ii. Motion for action item: Pending TUSD Governing Board Approval of the new mission statement, the UHS School Council approves the UHS Strategic Plan for immediate adoption at UHS.
 - iii. Motion: Messing
 - iv. Second: Guerrero
 - v. Vote Type: Roll Call
 - 1. Result: Passes (27-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain)
- h. Action Item: Action Item:** Approve the amended UHS By-laws and Internal Policies (including three TUSD recommended edits) for immediate adoption at UHS.
- i. Discussion/Debate:
 - 1. Schmidt: Presents three edits recommended from legal. Shares this is the document that we voted for last May. This has been in the works for 6 years. It shows where UHS is coming from and where we are going in the future on our 50th anniversary. Some items are still pending, like stipend language. There is one amendment we will make next month after adopting.
 - 2. Bristow: Wasn't there something about Instructional Council?
 - 3. Messing: It wasn't on our list from legal in the agenda for 1.8
 - 4. Schmidt: It was a late addition, all we have to do is write them as a stakeholder group like Parent Association and Student Council. Can present update next month.
 - ii. Motion for action item: UHS School Council approves the amended UHS By-Laws and Internal Policies for immediate adoption at UHS.
 - iii. Motion: Daniell
 - iv. Second: Bristow
 - v. Vote Type: Roll Call
 - 1. Result: Passes (27-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain)
- i. Discussion Item:** Updates from UHS administration on next steps and clarification of process for submitting a UHS Constitution to the TUSD Governing Board for Approval.
- i. Discussion/Debate:
 - 1. Schmidt: Messing, what are the updates?
 - 2. Messing: We don't have to submit the Constitution, just the Mission Statement!

VI. Reports

- a. Principal's Report - Ranjel
 - i. Welcome to second semester, tonight we have a big recruitment event for 5th-7th graders
 - ii. Course Selection is coming up
 - iii. Semester of Testing, SAT, ACT and AP's coming up
 - iv. Earned Platinum Status from College Board!
- b. Policy Review Committee - Messing
 - i. Met last week to work on edits from district, will bring addendum next month regarding IC as a stakeholder group and meet later this semester regarding our Constitution.
- c. Tax Credit & Budget Committee - Guthrie
 - i. Approximately \$41,000 will be left after the stipends
 - ii. Will work on policy for stipends
 - iii. Do all sub-committees have to meet open meeting laws?
 - iv. Schmidt- Yes! Just let me know when you're meeting so I can post your meeting time and agenda, then we will post the minutes.
- d. Recruitment and Retention - Messing
 - i. Admissions will receive first semester grades soon in order to run acceptances and send Welcome Packets to our Class of 2030.
 - ii. Lots of events this month at middle schools, then later this semester for new students
 - iii. Getting ready to start Test Pre, applications, and testing for Class of 2031!
- e. Instructional Council - Schmidt
 - i. Met last week, discussed course registration and new CTE Medical Assisting class
- f. UHS Foundation and Alumni Association - Tellez
 - i. 50th Celebration coming up on March 28th and 29th
- g. UHS Parent Association - Citron
 - i. Domain ran out, figuring that out and working on Grad Night
- h. UHS Student Council - Tran
 - i. Pep rally next Friday 1/23, joint rally with RUHS for both under and upper classmen
 - ii. UHS is hosting our Inaugural Ball on 1/31 from 7-11pm at Ambassador Event Center, tickets go on sale this week
 - iii. On the hunt for somewhere for prom
 - iv. Hosting town halls quarterly

VII. Agenda proposals for the next meeting

- a. No proposals.

I. Adjournment

- a. Motion presented: To adjourn meeting at 4:37pm
 - i. Motioned By: Messing
 - ii. Seconded By: Bristow

- b. Discussion/Debate: none

- c. Vote Type: Voice vote
 - i. Result: Unanimous