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Office of University Chancellor	Chancellor	937-769-1345	University Leadership Council

## I. Purpose

The University Leadership Council (ULC) is the Chancellor's primary advisory group on all matters bearing on the University's management and strategic development. As the University's coordinating body charged with implementing the institution's academic, financial, personnel, and management policies, priorities, and strategic plans, the ULC also ensures effective communication, cooperation, and collaboration among the campuses, with University administration and with the Board of Governors through the Chancellor.

## II. Members

The Chancellor (who also serves as President of Antioch University, the Corporation) shall chair the ULC, establish the meeting schedule, and set the agendas in consultation with the ULC members. The other members shall be the Provosts and the Chancellor's executive team, which is comprised of Vice Chancellors or other administrators, including, but not limited to, the Vice Chancellor & CFO, the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, the Vice Chancellor of Marketing and Enrollment Management, the Chief Human Resources Officer, the Vice Chancellor of Institutional

Advancement, and the General Counsel.

## III. Meetings

### A. Times

The ULC meets as often as necessary to conduct its business, ordinarily no less than monthly. A schedule of the meeting times shall be set, and communicated by the Chancellor. In addition, it ordinarily meets twice per year in retreat (often in conjunction with a meeting of the Board of Governors). Some portion of each retreat may include participation by the University Academic Council (UAC). The ULC uses this time to deal with major strategic and policy issues.

## B. Decision-making

Decisions of the ULC are formal recommendations to the Chancellor. Discourse during meetings shall be robust and open, yet collegial and professional. To maximize the potential of the ULC's collective knowledge and intelligence, initial brainstorming about solutions to our challenges should be open, and initially non-judgmental. Robust debate of the options and relative merits should then follow. Decisions of the ULC are generally by consensus, but need not be. The goal of consensus cannot unreasonably impede progress, and once a decision is made, all members of the ULC are expected to fully support the decision, publicly advocate for its implementation, and lead others in the process. Actions that undermine that effort are inimical to the University, and cannot be permitted.

### C. Minutes

Minutes of all meetings shall ordinarily be recorded and distributed or posted to all members within 7-14 days. They shall include the date and time of the meeting, all names of all members present and absent, a general synopsis of the discussions, accurate descriptions of the decisions made, and a list of action items with the names of those responsible for the actions to allow for appropriate follow-up.

#### IV. Activities of the ULC

## A. Strategic Planning

Develops strategic priorities/directions for the University and, where appropriate, makes recommendations to the Board of Governors through the Chancellor.

# B. Budget

Reviews and approves annual budget proposals for each unit and for the University, and makes recommendations to the Board of Governors through the Chancellor.

## C. Program Proposals

Reviews preliminary concept papers and full proposals for new degree programs throughout the University and makes recommendations to the Board of Governors through the Chancellor.

## D. Programs, Policies, and Plans

Develops, reviews and approves programs, policies and implementation plans, and makes recommendations to the Board of Governors through the Chancellor.

# E. Program Change Proposals

Reviews and approves proposals for significant program changes or additions.

## F. Organization Governance Changes

Reviews and approves proposals for major organizational governance changes.

# **G.** Major Planning Documents

Reviews and approves major planning documents.

## H. University Issues

Develops and discusses other important University activities and issues deemed appropriate by the Chancellor or any member of the ULC, or as requested by the Board of Governors through its Chair.

# **Policy Cross References**

Amended and Restated By-laws of Antioch	Policy # 2.101
University Board of Governors	
Chancellor Authority and Responsibilities	Policy # 3.105