

Morgan State University

University Council

May 8, 2025, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Face-to-face: Earl S. Richardson Board Room, 4th Floor


Virtual Option: Join Zoom Meeting: <https://morganstate.zoom.us/j/99635617584>

AGENDA

I. Call to Order [11:00-11:02 am]

Dr. Sharon Oliver-Whitehurst, UC Chair, welcomed attendees, and the meeting was called to order at 11:00 am.

II. Attendance and Quorum [11:02-11:04 am]

 UC Meeting Attendance, May 8, 2025 (Responses)

III. New VPs Introductions

Dr. Timothy Summers

IV. [11:04-11:12 am]

V. Reading and Approval of Minutes [11:12-11:13 am]

The meeting met its quorum.

[April 2025 UC General Body Meeting Minutes.docx](#)

If your name was not recorded, please email Dr. Hyeon-Shic Shin, UC secretary, at hyeonshic.shin@morgan.edu.

VI. Presentation [11:13-11:47 am]

A. AI in education

Dr. Maxim Bushuev

Slides

VII. Standing and Special Committees [11:47 am-12:10 pm]

- A. Academic and Student Affairs, **Dr. Olaniyi Iyiola / Dr. Miguel Zuniga (SBM)**

[2025-May-5-UC Academic and Student Affairs Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

- B. Athletic, **Prof. Edward Robinson (SGJC)**

No report

- C. Budget and Finance, **Dr. Kang Cheng (SBM)**

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- D. Physical Plant, **Ms. Chevaun Whitman (PASM)**

[UC Physical Plant Committee Monthly Meeting Agenda and Report 5.7.2025.pdf](#)

- E. Research and Creative Works, **Dr. Muhammad Uddin (SEUS)**

[Research Committee Report May/25.pdf](#)

- F. Technology and Communication Infrastructure, **Dr. Jana Duckett (SGJC)**

[Executive Meeting Minutes_ UC Technology & Communication Committee Meeting \(1\).pdf](#)

- G. University Professional Welfare, **Prof. Melissa Bellamy (SCHP)**

Dr. Hyeon-Shic Shin on behalf of Professor Bellamy.

VIII. Remarks

A. UC Chair [12:10-12:16 pm]

Dr. Sharon Oliver-Whitehurst

Dr. Kirchner, the next UC chair, announced that Ms. Chevaun Whitman was appointed as the 2025-2026 UC parliamentarian.

Two staff representatives were elected.

- Kevin Bradley, Graduate School
- ???

B. Provost [12:16-12:20 pm]

Praised the past administration and UC representatives and chairs.

Congratulated the new administration.

Next week's graduations: +200 Master's +60 doctoral, and +800 undergraduates

Updates on policy proposal reviews

- Chair policy: Need to come back and work with you again to revise it.
- Reduced teaching load policy: Return for revision
- Graduate assistantship policy: discussion with legal team
- T&A: In the General Counsel's office for review

C. President [12:20-12:44 pm]

Thank Dr. Oliver-Whitehurst for her three years of service. Congratulations to you for a job well done and to the administration.

One exec, VP Dr. Kevin Banks, student affairs office, will leave after the academic year (retire on July 1, 2025)

Dr. Letitia Williams as Interim VP for Student Affairs

Announcement: Wednesday 14th, @10 am new science building groundbreaking

Institution updates

- Total completed undergraduate applications 2015-2015
 - 7,384, Fall 2016 → 24,975, Fall 2025
 - 1,628, fall 2015 → 2,768, fall 2025 projected enrollment.
- The national landscape
 - 15% F&A starting to spread across federal agencies
 - NSF is under siege
 - DEI has been weaponized
 - Risk-sharing on student loans
 - Eliminating the tax-exempt status of universities
 - Taxing on university endowments (above \$1B)
 - Regional accrediting agencies
- Progress to R1
 - Morgan's R&D expenditure trend
 - \$13, 2018 → \$55.5, 2024, (threshold, \$50)
 - Expected exceed the threshold for next two years
 - Do recipients
 - 62, 23-24, 93, 24-25, and >65 25-26 (projected), average +70
 - Do enrollment and conferred
 - Moving toward R1 by 2027.
 - Need to move steady upward in response to upward threshold pressure.

Commencement speaker, CEO of TIAA, Thasunda Brown Duckett

IX. First in September, finalized in August (Thursdays as usual, though).

X. Adjournment [12:46 pm]

Dr. Sharon Oliver-Whitehurst

University Council 2024-2025 Committees, Chairs and Liaisons

I. Executive

Chair: Dr. Sharon Oliver-Whitehurst
Liaisons: Ex-Officio Members: President, Provost
Members: Standing and Special Committee Chairs

II. Academic and Student Affairs

Chair: Dr. Miguel Zuniga (SBM)
Co-Chair: Dr. Olaniyi Iyiola (SCMNS)
Liaison: UC Parliamentarian Dr. Maxim Bushuev
Ex-Officio Members: Provost, AVP Dockery, VP Banks, SVP Turner
Members: Ms. Tasha Benn (PASM), Dr. Brett Berliner (CLA), Dr. Yuejin Li (SCMNS), Dr. Jiangnan Peng (SCMNS), Dr. Belinda Smith (SSW)

III. Athletics

Chair: Prof. Edward Robinson (SGJC)
Liaison: UC V Chair Dr. Samia Kirchner
Ex Officio Member: VP Freeman-Patton
Members: Dr. Jocelyn Taliaferro (SSW), Dr. Willie Thompson (SOE), Dr. Dawn Thurman (SSW)

IV. Budget and Finance

Chair: Dr. Kang Cheng (SBM)
Liaison: UC Parliamentarian Dr. Maxim Bushuev
Ex Officio Members: EVP LaChina, AVP Flavin
Members: Prof. Melissa Bellamy (SCHP), Mr. Alan Holcomb (Classified), Ms. Katie Talton (Classified), Miss MarKayla Wilson (Student)

V. Physical Plant

Chair: Ms. Chevaun Whitman (PASM)
Liaison: UC V Chair Dr. Samia Kirchner
Ex Officio Members: EVP LaChina, VP McCalla
Members: Mr. Alan Holcomb (Classified), Dr. Mackessa Holt (SCHP), Ms. Shamon Shine-Lee (PASM), TBD (Student)

VI. Research and Creative Works

Chair: Dr. Muhammad Sharif Uddin (SEUS)
Liaisons: UC Secretary Dr. Hyeon-Shic Shin
Ex Officio Member: VP May
Members: Dr. Stephen Egarievwe (SOE), Dr. Olaniyi Iyiola (SCMNS), Dr. Yi Liu (SOE), Dr. Carlos Reimers (SAP), Dr. Tyrone Stanley (CLA), Mr. Albert Sweets (PASM)

VII. Technology and Communications Infrastructure

Chair: Dr. Jana Duckett (SGJC)

Liaison: UC Chair Dr. Sharon Oliver-Whitehurst

Ex Officio Member: Interim VP Mendoza

Members: Dr. Jocelyn Taliaferro (SSW), Dr. Dawn Thurman (SSW), Dr. Seth Vannatta (CLA), Miss Tamera Trimuel (Student)

VIII. University Professional Welfare

Chair: Prof. Melissa Bellamy (SCHP)

Liaison: UC Secretary Dr. Hyeon-Shic Shin

Ex Officio Members: EVP LaChina, AVP Oyegoke

Members: Dr. Robin Butler (SCHP), Dr. Niah Grimes (SEUS), Dr. Joonwoo Moon (SGJC), Dr. Jeff Rhodes (SEUS), Dr. Miguel Zuniga (SBM), Ms. Katie Talton (Classified)

IX. University Council By-laws and Constitution

Chair: UC Chair Dr. Sharon Oliver-Whitehurst

Members: TBD

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XI. University Council Elections Committee

Chair: UC Chair Dr. Sharon Oliver-Whitehurst

Members: Dr Angela Marshall, Mr. Albert Sweets