

Oakland University Senate Minutes

December 6, 2019

Members present: Aloï, AlSalman, Ball, Battle, Baxa, Berven, D., Berven, K., Bowe, Campoy-Cubillo, Cheezum, Cheng, Clark, Corcoran, Debnath, Dereski, Didion, Doherty, Edrisinha, Eis, Epstein, Fox, Garfinkle, Ibrahim, Giblin, Gooren, Guessous, Herold, Hranchook, Latcha, Lentini, Long, Margerum-Ley, Mazzeo, Meldrum, Mitchell, Mitton, Navin, Olawoyin, Parkash, Reger, Rigstad, Roth, Sanders, Townsend, Wallis, Weiter, Wells, Wood

Members absent: Chamra, Cole, Craig, Dulio, Dvir, Folberg, Harbin, Insko, Kleinschmidt, Knox, Lauer, Megee, Stone, Tracy, Van Til

Associate Provost Michelle Piskulich called the meeting to order at 3:10 P.M.

Summary of Information and Action Items

INFORMATION ITEMS

Program Modifications Approved by UCUI

Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

ACTION ITEMS

OLD BUSINESS

Motion approved from ASH to change the Academic Honors section of the Oakland University Undergraduate Catalog

Motion approved from ASH to update the Readmission section of the Oakland University Undergraduate Catalog

Motion from UCUI to reduce the minimum number of credits required for a degree from 124 to 120 credits

NEW BUSINESS

Motion from the Steering Committee to adopt strategies in support of Goal 4: Diversity and Inclusion of the Oakland University Strategic Plan developed by the Council on Diversity and Inclusion

A. INFORMATION ITEMS

Ms. Piskulich updated Senators on the following program modifications that were approved by UCUI: the Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education has been modified to align the curriculum with requirements established by the Michigan Department of Education by removing content minors and establishing five pathways. The Bachelor of Science in Business Administration was modified by reducing the number of minimum credits required to graduate from 128 to 124 and reducing the number of credits from 4 to 3 in MKT 3020, FIN 3220, MGT 4350, and POM 3430. She explained that the agenda item concerning the Master of Arts in Biology had been pulled and would appear instead at a future meeting.

PROVOST'S UPDATES: Ms. Piskulich reminded Senators that Commencement was coming up on Saturday, December 15, and also that the President's Holiday party was coming up on Tuesday, December 10, from 2:00-4:00.

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of November 15, 2018

The minutes of the meeting of November 15, 2018, were approved (Eis, Cheezum).

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Motion from the Academic Standing and Honors Committee to change the Academic Honors section of the Oakland University Undergraduate Catalog

***MOVED** that the Senate approve changes to clarify information related to academic honors and (1) add summer as a semester in which students may achieve semester honors; (2) allow students who resolve an 'I' grade within the 1-year time limit to be retroactively placed on the Dean's list if they meet all requirements, and (3) add program honors to departmental and school honors.*

Mark Navin was present to answer any questions about the motion, of which there were none.

The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Motion from the Academic Standing and Honors Committee to update the Readmission section of the Oakland University Undergraduate Catalog

***MOVED** that the Senate approve updating the language on readmission (2) to remove a statement that the number of times a student may be readmitted is limited; (2) remove language barring a student who has been dismissed academically a second time from reapplying for three years; (3) giving the Academic Standing and Honors Committee a role in readmission decisions for students who have been dismissed two or more times and (4) removing the statement that a student who has been dismissed three times may not be readmitted.*

Mr. Navin was present to answer questions, of which there were none.

The motion was approved unanimously. Ms. Piskulich commended Mr. Navin and the ASH committee for their hard work on these catalog changes.

3. Motion from UCUI to reduce the minimum number of credits required for a degree from 124 to 120.

***MOVED** that the minimum number of credits be changed from 124 to 120.*

Anne Hitt was present to answer questions.

The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Motion from UCUI to request that the Committees on Instruction of each academic unit amend their catalog copy and to consider the potential to reduce the free elective credits to enable degree completion at 120 credits.

MOVED that the COI of each academic unit be requested to amend their catalog copy and to consider the potential to reduce the free elective credits to enable degree completion at 120 credits.

Ms. Hitt requested that the motion be withdrawn. Ms. Piskulich asked if there were any objections to removing this motion. There were no objections, and so the motion was withdrawn.

At 3:20, Ms. Piskulich called a short recess in order to wait for the arrival of Provost Lentini who was on his way to campus from an off-campus meeting. During this intermission, Senators set about feasting and jousting on cookies and coffee to celebrate the end of the semester. Provost Lentini arrived to at 3:40, and called the Senate back to order. He thanked Ms. Piskulich for chairing the meeting until his arrival.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion from the Steering Committee to adopt strategies in support of Goal 4: Diversity and Inclusion of the Oakland University Strategic Plan developed by the Council on Diversity Equity and Inclusion

MOVED that the Senate approve the strategies supporting Goal 4 Diversity and Inclusion of the Oakland University Strategic Plan (Eis, Rigstad)

Glenn McIntosh was present to answer questions about the strategies that were developed by the Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. He said that the goal is to make Oakland University a university of choice. He said there is work to do to achieve the goals of the Strategic Plan, and then opened the floor up to questions. Ms. Reger pointed to section 4.2 of the document and said that although women are an example of under-represented groups, they are not specifically included in the document. Mr. McIntosh said that when it is time to get to tactics to implement the goals, the tactics will focus on women, and he pointed to search processes and how to conduct them as an example. Mr. Garfinkle asked about 4.2g which concerns disabilities, and noted that we do not have a central testing center, and so the DSS has had to push the task of providing a suitable test site onto faculty. He suggested an addition to 4.2g to say that there would be a central testing center. Mr. McIntosh said that this is another example of a tactic. Mr. Garfinkle expressed his belief that the wording of the document should be less vague, and should say directly that 'this is what we are going to do'. Ms. Guessous said that she believes that as educators, our challenge is the growing number of students on campus, and she wanted to know what assistance and resources we will have for them, and in addition, she asked what we do for students with challenges after they graduate. She noted that for many students and parents with disabilities, it is important to know that the university will help them to find a job after they graduate. Mr. McIntosh said that he fully supports that suggestion. Ms. Janelle followed up on Ms. Guessous' remark, and said there was once a program called Genius to Genius that used to exist, but does not exist any longer. She said we need to advance and show that we care and are

actively working on this matter. Ms. Didion noted that 4.2h should include staff. Mr. Ball observed that the document refers to conduct assessment, but for a long-term document, assessment should be on-going and on-going needs should be responded to.

Mr. Lentini said that Mr. McIntosh should take what he heard forward and turn next to tactics to implement the Strategic Plan.

E. GOOD AND WELFARE

Provost Lentini said that an item coming soon on the Board of Trustees agenda will be a Wilson Hall expansion. The expansion will involve the creation of 70-75 offices, and an expansion of student services.

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Dikka Berven (secretary)