

Senate Minutes

September 16, 2021

Members present: *Aloi, Al-Shabraway, Ball, Barclay, Barry, Berven, D., Berven, K., Boruff-Jones, Carey, Chamra, Clark, Craig, Debnath, Edrisinha, Eis, ElSayed, Fouladbakhsh, Goble, Guessous, Hansen, Hartmus, Hay, Knox, Kondratek, Latcha, Leibert, Lerchenfeldt, Lewis, Long, Mazzeo, McMillon, Merchant, Meyers, Mezwa, Miller, K., Miller, J.A., Mitton, Naus, Nichols Hess, Ostergaard, Parkash, Poly-Droulard, Rawashdeh, Rios-Ellis, Rivard, Roumani, Rutledge, Southward, Tiegges, Tracy, Wadsworth, Wells, Zhu*

Members absent: *Blumer-Schutee, Cortes, Didion, Gierman, Jankowski, Kobus, Landolt, Law-Sullivan, Margerum-Leys, Perhogan, Reger, Shesko*

Provost Rios-Ellis called the Zoom meeting to order at 3:10 PM.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATIONAL AND ACTION ITEMS

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Appointment of Senate Parliamentarian
Appointment of the Senate Secretary
Appointment of Senate Elections Committee
Graduate Program Modifications approved by Graduate Council
 Modifying Post Master Certificate in Marketing in SBA
 Change of major name in SECS
 Adding concentrations in SEHS
 Creating Certificate in SBA
 Undergraduate Program Modifications approved by UCUI
 New Biotics Minor in CAS
 Return to previous transfer policy in the BIS
Undergraduate Bereavement Policy Change
Change in Senate webpage
Update Senate Committee Chairs

ACTION ITEMS

New Business

Election of Senate Steering Committee
Motion from Campus Environment and Development Committee to change charge
Motion from Academic Affairs for policy change
Motion from Academic Affairs to update gender language in Senate Constitution
Procedural Motion to Staff Senate Committees

INFORMATION ITEMS

Provost Rios-Ellis welcomed Senators to the meeting. She encouraged Senators to enhance communication by communicating the information from the Senate back to their departments. She noted that OU is at 72% vaccination rate, with 9% of students having obtained exemptions. 2800 students remain who need to get vaccinated. She stated that by October 8, there will be a disciplinary process to address those who have not complied with the vaccine mandate on campus.

She then introduced and expressed her appreciation to the new Interim Associate Provost Amy Banes-Berceli, noting that Ms. Banes-Berceli will be focusing on solving problems related to space on campus, working with ELIS, Macomb, and other initiatives. Provost Rios-Ellis then appointed Dikka Berven as Senate Secretary, and Mike Latcha as Senate Parliamentarian. She thanked them and all Senators for their service.

Associate Provost Amy Banes –Berceli updated the Senate on a slight change to the E-Space which is that when Senators log on, there will be a skeleton agenda with an option to open the monthly agenda. A link directly below the agenda will hold the materials. She said she welcomed any feedback concerning changes to the Senate website.

Provost Rios-Ellis then provided Senators the opportunity to comment on the following information items:

Graduate Program Modifications Approved by Graduate Council:

- a. Modifying the Post Master Graduate Certificate in Marketing to the Graduate Certificate in Marketing in the School of Business Administration, Department of Management and Marketing- Janell Townsend
- b. Changing the major name from MS in Mechatronics to MS in Mechatronics Systems Engineering in the School of Engineering and Computer Sciences, Department of Computer Engineering- Osamah Rawashdeh
- c. Adding concentrations in Specific Learning Disabilities and in Emotional Impairment to the MAT in Secondary Education and increasing the number of credits to complete to 53 credits in the School of Education and human services, Departments Teacher Development and Educational Studies AND Human Development and Child Studies- Darlene Groomes and Cynthia Carver
- d. Creating the Graduate Certificate in Business Leadership in the School of Business Administration, Department of Management and Marketing- Janell Townsend

Undergraduate Program Modifications approved by UCUI:

Creating a new Bioethics Minor in the College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Philosophy- Mark Navin

Returning to previous transfer policy allowing students to complete 32 Oakland University Credits rather than 45 credits in the Bachelor of Integrative Studies - Sarah Jahimiak

Undergraduate Bereavement Policy Change. Michael Wadsworth explained that the bereavement policy would no longer have the phrase ‘must be provided in English’ to make this policy more inclusive for all students.

Change the Senate webpage to reflect the updated title to Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost from Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost. -Amy Banes-Berceli

Update the Committee Chairs for the Senate Record (below) -Amy Banes-Berceli

Academic Computing Committee

Chris Wilson, CHAIR

Academic Conduct Committee

Laila Guessous, CO-CHAIR

Julian Rrushi, CO-CHAIR

Elysa White, CO-CHAIR

Greg Thrasher, CO-CHAIR

Academic Standing and Honors Committee

Nicole Asmussen Mathew, CHAIR

Assessment Committee

Dennis Condron, CHAIR

Budget Committee

Jim Grogan, CHAIR

Campus Environment and Development Committee

Fay Hansen, CHAIR

Faculty Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee

Joanne Lipson Freed, CO-CHAIR

Jason Wasserman, CO-CHAIR

General Education and Assessment Committee

Lori Ostergaard, CO-CHAIR

Amanda Nichols Hess, CO-CHAIR

General Education Committee

Maria Paino, CHAIR

Library Committee

Kate Rougeau, CHAIR

Planning Review Committee

Lori Burrington, CHAIR

Research Committee

Matthew Fails, CO-CHAIR

Ranadeb Chaudhuri, CO-CHAIR

Student Academic Support Committee

Vacant, CHAIR

Teaching and Learning Committee

Jonathan Yates, CO-CHAIR

Quenfung Lio, CO-CHAIR

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of April 15, 2021

The minutes of the meeting of April 15, 2021, were approved.

C. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of the Senate Steering Committee for the 2021

The election for the Senate Steering Committee was conducted, and the following Senate members were elected:

Andrea Eis, Laila Guessous, Erin Meyers, Ken Mitton, Lynda Poly-Droulard, and Amy Rutledge

2. MOTION from the Campus Development and Environment Committee to change its charge and membership.

MOVED that the changes to charge and membership recommended by the Campus Development and Environment Committee be approved (Hansen, Aloï)

Steve Stanton presented the reasons for the request to change the committee charge. He explained that the committee felt that the charge was too narrow and didn't reflect the work they were doing. He outlined the proposed changes that reflected the updated activities that this committee now engages in. In addition, he explained the changes to the membership. The relevant documents are on the E-Space.

3. MOTION for new Policy presented by Academic Affairs

MOVED that the Senate recommend to the President and Board of Trustees a new policy that allows for the establishment of prior learning content be assessed for credit at Oakland University (Meyers, Tracy)

Lori Kraus and Matt Zeig were present to explain that this change is really to make sure that the present policy can be followed by faculty with a process, and so it isn't really a new policy. So this change is essentially the addition of a process. They noted that each case would be approved by a departmental COI.

4. MOTION to update the gender language in the Senate Constitution presented by Academic Affairs

MOVED that we update the Senate Constitution to reflect non-gendered language by using he/she/they instead of only the current "he". (Craig, Long)

Interim Associate Provost Banes-Berceli explained that the present language uses the word 'he' throughout. The new language will be more inclusive.

There was a motion to waive the second reading (*Poly-Doulard, Jean Ann Miller*). This motion passed.

The original motion to update the gender language in the Senate Constitution then was approved (42 yes, 2 no).

5. Procedural Motion to staff Senate Standing Committees: UPDATES and CHANGES

***MOVED** that the persons listed be appointed to the committees or positions designated (El Sayed, Guessous)*

Assessment Committee

Ed Rohn (SHS) will be added for 2021-24

Jennifer Tillenger (CAS) 2021-22 replacing Evan Trivedi (CAS) 2019-22

Faculty Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee

Joann Lipson Freed (CAS) to serve for 2020-2023

General Education Committee

Elizabeth Kattner (CAS) will replace Deborah VanderLinde (CAS) for the remainder of 2020-2023

Dominique Daniel (UL) will replace Julie Rodriguez (UL) for Fall 2021 who will be out on Sabbatical

Lindsay Geitzen (SHS) 2021-24 replacing Theresa Anasti (CAS) 2021-24 who has moved to UCU.

University Committee of Undergraduate Instruction

Theresa Anasti (CAS-SOC) Winter 2021-2023 replacing Deb McGinnis (CAS-PSY)

The motion was approved.

E. GOOD AND WELFARE

Karen Miller observed that the COVID dashboard on the university website indicates that 9% of students are getting waivers. She said she thought this number was a little high, and asked if there was information about that. Provost Rioz-Ellis said that they are vetting students carefully, and requiring them to submit vaccination status as well as testing. Laila Guessous asked if it is known what percentage of the exemptions are medical, and what percentage are medical. Provost Rios-Ellis said this info was not available on the website.

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dikka Berven (Senate Secretary)