

## **Oakland University Senate Minutes**

**December 4, 2014**

**Members present:** Aloi, Andersen, Andrews, Awbrey, Baxa, Berven, D., Bulgarelli, Chapman, Cheng, Corso, Dereski, Dulio, Eis, Epstein, Estes, Folberg, Goldberg, Grimm, Hansen, Iwanski, Johnson, Latcha, Lee, Leibert, Lentini, Long, Mazzeo, McEneaney, Meehan, Meinberg, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Pelfrey, Penprase, Rawashdeh, Rigstad, Roth, Rozek, Schartman, Spagnuolo, Thompson, Tiegs, Tracy, Wells, Westergaard, Wharton, Williams, Wren

**Members absent:** Barber, Buzzo, Chamra, Cole, Corcoran, Giblin, Groomes, Guessous, Knox, Licker, Maxfield, Polis, Ragheb, Sifonis, Singhal, Switzer, Wood

Provost Lentini called the meeting to order at 3:10 P.M.

### **Summary of Information and Action Items**

#### **Information Items**

Program modification approved by UCUI: BDTS Pre-Professional Concentration

IRS Fraud Update

Conferral Dates

Provost's Updates

#### **Action Items**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

*Approval of motion* from GEC to change the library faculty member representative from ex-officio and non-voting to faculty with voting privileges.

*Approval of motion* from the Senate Athletic Committee to change its charge and adjust its membership

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

*Motion* that the Senate recommend to the President and BOT the Strategic Plan proposed by the Strategic Planning Committee

*Motion* that the Senate recommend to the President and BOT approval of the  
Master of  
Science in Nursing-Forensic Nursing program in the SON

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- Provost Lentini informed the Senate that UCUI had approved modifications to the BDTS Pre-Professional Concentration in the School of Health Sciences.
- Police Chief Mark Gordon was present to update the Senate on the IRS fraud situation. He said that it is not easy to get information from the IRS but the IRS is still pursuing an active investigation of the matter. He told the Senate that there are three universities that have a connection with this fraud, including South Arkansas, Northern Iowa and Oakland University, but that there have been 15 universities that were affected. He said that for the 3 mentioned above, information was traced back to Nigeria, and although investigators came close to actually apprehending the perpetrators, the criminals had closed up shop just shortly before the investigators got there to the suspected site. He said there have been many leads that have been followed, but there have been many dead ends, and the likelihood that they will solve the crime is low. However, Mr. Gordon had encouraging remarks concerning an individual in Florida who has been convicted and sentenced to 99 years for tax fraud. He stated that information from the victims of this type of fraud has been sold on the black market. He also said that for both victims and those who have not (yet) been victimized, it is important to file income taxes early, to change pins, to change passwords often, to close old accounts, to follow up on credit reports, and in general, to be pro-active. He emphasized how important it is for everyone to use the credit monitoring service and to do everything possible to keep identity safe. He declared that all Oakland University employees should assume their information is out there, even if one has not specifically been victimized. If identity is stolen, he said it is important to make a police report. He indicated that the biggest concern of the IRS is to stop the money from flowing out at their end.
- Mr. Shablin was present to explain changes to conferral dates. He said that before 2009, Oakland University had separate Spring and Summer sessions, which were subsequently turned into one Summer session only. Fall and Winter semesters have one application date and one conferral date each, but Summer semester still has two of each. Mr. Shablin indicated that there are various challenges in the Summer session because of this, but the ultimate plan is for Summer 2016 to have one conferral date and one application date. He said that this change should be beneficial for students, and should streamline the process involved.

## **Provost's Updates**

- Provost Lentini informed the Senate that students have organized a vigil today for Chandler Swink at 7:00 P.M. at the Carillon Tower.
- He reminded Senate members that commencement is to take place on December 13, and he encouraged everyone to be there.
- He updated the Senate on the NSSE report which has been made available now, and which provides important information about students' perceptions of their education, how involved they are in undergraduate research, and other useful information.

#### **A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from November 20, 2014**

The minutes of November 20, 2014 were approved (Eis, Iwanski).

#### **B. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **1. MOTION from the General Education Committee to change the library faculty member representative from ex-officio and non-voting to faculty with voting privileges.**

**MOVED** that the library faculty member of the General Education Committee be moved from ex-officio and non-voting to a member with voting privileges.

There was no further discussion, and the motion was approved.

##### **2. MOTION from the Senate Athletic Committee to change its charge and adjust its membership.**

**MOVED** that the revised charge and membership recommended by the Senate Athletic Committee be approved.

The motion was approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **3. MOTION that the Senate recommend to the President and Board of Trustees the Strategic Plan proposed by the Strategic Planning Committee**

**MOVED** that the Senate endorse the Strategic Plan proposed by the Strategic Planning Committee (Tracey, McEneaney)

President Hynd was present to discuss the Strategic Plan. He stated that the Strategic Plan is our opportunity to envision how we want to craft the future. He said that the committee is looking for input and strategies to achieve the aspirations, and that he would like to get the Plan to the BOT by February. He described the Strategic Plan as an umbrella over each of the Schools and the College, each of whom should come up with their own strategic plan. Mr. Andrews asked what the process would be going forward after the Mission Statement and the three goals are defined. Mr. Hynd said that there will be task forces for which there have already been volunteers who have come forward. He indicated that after the Strategic Plan has been approved, the hard work will begin. Ms. Youngblood was also present to discuss the process, and she stated that last year there were 21 people on the committee which was very widely represented. She pointed out that next there will be three goal committees and three task forces. She said that her Strategic Planning committee will be in contact with the Senate to recommend members for these six groups. After that, there will be regular updates to the Senate and many opportunities to participate. Mr. Hynd re-iterated that it is an exciting time for the university which is now moving forward with a unified vision.

### **4. MOTION that the Senate recommend to the President and Board of Trustees approval of the Master of Science in Nursing-Forensic Nursing in the School of Nursing**

**MOVED** that the Senate recommend to the President and Board of Trustees approval of the Master of Science in Nursing-Forensic Nursing in the School of Nursing (Andrews, Thompson)

Dean Folberg expressed his unqualified and enthusiastic support for this program, for which he said there is an incredible need, and he re-iterated his enthusiasm and congratulations to the School of Nursing for their excellent proposal. Kelly Berishay and Margaret Glembocki were present to make a presentation to the Senate about the program, indicated that there is only a handful of Forensic Nursing programs in the United States, and none in Michigan. They described the specialty courses that would make up the program, and informed the Senate that in a survey of 400 nurses, 200 said that they would be interested in this program, and that furthermore, nursing students are also interested. They said that this would be the fourth graduate track in the School of Nursing, and that the faculty are already in place to move ahead.

Ms. Penprase then **MOVED** to waive the second reading (seconded by Ms. Pelfry). This motion carried.

The original motion was then approved.

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dikka Berven (secretary)