

Oakland University Senate Minutes

February 18, 2016

Members present: Aloï, Andrews, Awbrey, Baxa, Berven, K., Berven, D., Cheng, Clark, Clason, Corso, Daniel, Debnath, Dereski, Eis, Epstein, Estes, Folberg, Goldberg, Golinski, Grimm, Groomes, Guessous, Harbin, Hay, Knox, Latcha, Lee, Lentini, Long, Mazzeo, Polis, Ragheb, Rozek, Schartman, Thompson, Townsend, Wells, Westergaard, Williams, Weiter

Members absent: Beres, Chamra, Chopin, Corcoran, Dallo, Dulio, Edwards, Giblin, Gooren, Hansen, Kubinski, Leibert, Margerum-Leys, Mathieson, Miller, Moore, Parkash, Petchauer, Reger, Roth, Roumani, Sifonis, Tracy, Walter

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

Summary of Information and Action Items

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Update on IRS Fraud

Program modifications approved by UCUI:

BS in Operations Management in SBA

BA in Chinese Studies, Japanese Studies and Latin American Studies, Center for International Programs in CAS

BA in Creative Writing in the English Department in CAS

BS in Biomedical, Diagnostic, Therapeutic Sciences in SHS

BS in Nursing in the SON to reduce required prerequisite courses

Program modification approved by Grad Council:

Master of Education in Educational Studies/International Baccalaureate

Provost's Updates

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion from the Library to approve a revised constitution

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion from Grad Council to approve a Master of Science in Cybersecurity in the SBA

Procedural Motion to staff Senate Standing Committees

INFORMATION ITEMS

Provost Lentini introduced Police Chief Gordon who provided an update to the Senate on the 2014 IRS Tax Fraud case which had 174 cases from Oakland University, and cases from several other universities as well. Police Chief Gordon stated that the Federal government's investigation had resulted in the arrest of an individual who had purchased the information, but the case is on-going as far as finding out who committed the original theft. He noted that the OU people who were affected must continue to be vigilant. Ms. Guessous asked if those who were not part of this case are also vulnerable, and Mr. Gordon replied that it is possible that their information was also stolen even though it may not have been used yet, and therefore he advised that everyone should be extremely careful.

Provost Lentini then informed the Senate about the following program modifications approved by UCUI:

- Bachelor of Science in Operations Management in the School of Business Administration to add specializations in Supply Chain Management, Lean and Quality Specialization, and Project Management
- Bachelor of Arts in Chinese Studies, Japanese Studies and Latin American Studies in the Center for International Programs in the College of Arts and Sciences to add a required IS capstone and increase the number of credits in the major from 40 to 44
- Bachelor of Arts in Creative Writing in the Department of English in the College of Arts and Sciences to create a rubric specific to creative writing
- Bachelor of Science in Biomedical, Diagnostic, Therapeutic Sciences in the School of Health Sciences to discontinue the specialization in Radiation Therapy
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing in the School of Nursing to reduce the number of required prerequisite courses in the completion program

Provost Lentini also informed the Senate about the following program modification approved by Grad Council:

Master of Education in Educational Studies with a Concentration to create the Master of Education in International Baccalaureate Education

Provost's Updates:

Mr. Lentini congratulated the team from the SECS whose Loon Copter drone won the International competition "Drones for Good" in the UAE, for which there were more than 1000 entries from 165 countries all over the world. The contest was held recently in Dubai, and the prize was \$1,000,000. He then announced the hiring of Michael Long, tech expert, who will provide more support in the area of the commercialization of research. In further updates, he noted that 2 OU students had won ingenuity awards from Shinola. He observed that the tickets for Bill Nye who will be on campus in March for the Varner Vitality Lecture had already sold out. He updated the Senate on the progress of the Strategic Planning committee which is now at the stage of prioritizing its topics. He congratulated MTD dance professor, Ali Woerner, for being selected as the winner of Oakland County's '40 Under 40' program that honors community leaders. He announced that the online MS program in Engineering was listed in the top 10 according to the 2016 ranking in Best Colleges in U.S. News and World Reports. He also observed that the EMBA program in the SBA was recognized by CEO Magazine as one of the best programs for students in 2016. He updated the Senate on the Carnegie classification which has changed the classification designations. He pointed out that Oakland University which is now a Doctoral institution in the R3 category and this relates to performance funding which is important because it changes the universities to which we are compared. He noted that the last change in the Carnegie classifications was done in 2010. Mr. Lentini then stated that the governor has put out his budget for Higher Education. There is a 4% proposed increase, and among universities in Michigan, OU has the highest percentage increase. The proposed at tuition cap is 4.8%.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of January 21, 2016

The minutes of the January 21, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Motion from the Library to approve a revised constitution

Mr. Lentini said that the Library was in the process of making some minor language changes, and for this reason, the motion to approve the revised constitution will be brought back as an agenda item for the second reading at the next Senate meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion from Graduate Council to Approve a Master of Science in Cybersecurity in the School of Engineering and Computer Science (Eis, Williams)

Moved that the Senate recommend to the President and the Board of Trustees the Master of Science in Cybersecurity

Ms. Fu (SECS) was present to explain the proposal for the MS in Cybersecurity. She said that there are 40 universities in the country that offer this kind of program. The OU program will be a 32-credit program with two tracks: one Professional and one Research focused. The program will be collaborative degree between CSE and SBA. Ms. Townsend expressed her concern about the students being able to get jobs after completing this program, and inquired as to whether the program will provide certificates. Ms. Fu said that the program will provide certificates which should enable students to get jobs.

2. Procedural motion to staff Senate Committees (Andrews, Daniel)

Moved that persons listed by appointed to the committees or positions designated:

General Education Committee

Bowe, Anica, SEHS (2016-2017), replacing Linda Pavonetti (SEHS) 2014-2017

The motion was passed unanimously.

GOOD AND WELFARE

- Ms. Eis reported that there had been a recent presentation in the CAS Assembly by Paul Schroeder (Enrollment Management) about changes in the billing date for students. She indicated that CAS Assembly members had expressed concerns about this change and that perhaps the change was moving too fast. She said that she thought that the billing date change was something that should go through the Senate. Mr. Lentini concurred that before this change is finalized, it would be good to have more eyes on it. He added that in general, an

earlier billing date is a good practice because there are students who never show up which gives a wrong number as far as knowing how many students are actually enrolled at the university, and so it becomes an enrollment management issue.

- Mr. Polis expressed his concerns about the new merit system rubrics being developed for faculty members across the university, and he questioned the feedback he was hearing concerning the balance between teaching, research and service. Mr. Lentini replied that there is a hard line between merit and promotion, and the intention of the merit system is to have three separate areas that would have one number reported. Mr. Polis said that he did not think it makes sense to report that way over one year, due to the kind of work that faculty members do. Mr. Lentini replied that the system is not intended to mean that the work reported for the merit system is to be done in one year, and there is going to have to be an awareness of on-going work and a good way of tracking the work that is on-going. Mr. Polis asserted that the Deans have not communicated that idea at all to their departments. Mr. Lentini said that he realizes that much of the work that faculty members do does not take place in one year. Ms. Hay said that departments are getting different feedback from their Deans, and there are inconsistencies all across the university with this feedback. Mr. Lentini said he is interested in looking at the inconsistencies, and that he believes it is important to use common sense with the merit system.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,
Dikka Berven (Secretary)