Oakland University Senate Minutes

February 15, 2018

Members present: *Arnold, Ball, Baxa, Berven, D., Berven, K., Bowe, Chamra, Chaney, Cheezum, Cheng, Corso, Debnath, Dereski, Dhoerty, Dulio, Edrisinha, Eis, Epstein, Estes, Folberg, Giblin, Gooren, Harbin, Jagtap, Knox, Latcha, Lentini, Long, Megee, Mishack, Mitchell, Olawoyin, Orzach, Parkash, Payette, Reger, Rigstad, Roth, Shkoukani, Van Til, Wallis, Wells*

Members absent: *Aloi, Cole, Corcoran, Craig, Didion, Dvir, Garfinkle, Guessous, Herold, Hranchook, Insko, Lauer, Law-sullivan, Margerum-Leys, Markel, Mazzeo, Meehan, Mitton, Schmitz, Stone, Tracy, Weiter, Wells*

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

Summary of Information and Action Items:

INFORMATION ITEMS
>   **Orientation Faculty Advising Program**
>   **Open Educational Resources (OER)**
>   **Program Modifications approved by UCUI:**
>>   B.S. in General Management in SBA to add a required course
>>   B.S. in Wellness Health Promotion and Injury Prevention in SHS to add courses
>>   B.S. in Biomedical Diagnostic and Therapeutic Sciences-Radiologic
>>   Technology in SHS to delete two courses and add one
>>   B.S. in Biomedical Diagnostic and Therapeutic Sciences in SHS to change the MLS rubric
>>   CDS to reflect the new department name (Clinical Diagnostic Sciences)
>>   B.S. in SHS to add minor in Community Health Engagement
>>   B.S. in Business Administration-Entrepreneurship Minor in SBA to remove a required
>>   course
>>   B.A. in Public Relations and Strategic Communication in CAS to change rubric from JRN
>>   to PR
>>   International Management Minor in SBA to add an experiential learning course
>>   B.S. in SHS to add a minor in Holistic Health
>   **Program Modifications approved by Graduate Council:**
>>   M.S. in Safety Management in SHS to add a thesis track
>>   Doctor of Philosphy in Music Education in School of MTD in CAS to reduce the number
>>   of core courses and increase the elective course requirements
>>   Post-Master Graduate Certificate in Higher Education Program in SEHS to remove two
>>   courses and replace by two courses
>>   M.S. in Information Technology Management in SBA to increase the number of required
>>   electives from 3 to 5, renumber and rename a course, remove a required
>>   elective and add a required elective
>   **Provost's Updates**

ACTION ITEMS

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion from URC to focus Research Committee efforts on faculty research and creative endeavor, change the membership and change the title of the Associate Vice President for Research

Motion from the Steering Committee to recommend approval of the Bachelor of Music in Music Technology in the School of Music, Theatre and Dance in the CAS

Motion from the School of Nursing to approve a revised constitution

Procedural Motion to staff Senate Standing committees

A. INFORMATION ITEMS

❖ Associate Provost Michelle Piskulich said she needs 8 people to work with incoming students in the Orientation Faculty Advising Program, and she added that there is some pay involved

❖ Julia Rodriguez (Kresge Library) made a presentation about Open Educational Resources (OER) (see attached visuals, and url link to the OU OER Task Force Report), and explained what these quality, free, peer-reviewed resources are, how they are part of a nation-wide affordable textbook movement, how they can have a positive impact on student success, how many states have enacted legislation to promote the use of OER, and how many universities across the USA already have OER initiatives to provide incentives and support to faculty members who are interested in considering adopting OER for their courses. The Student Body President and Vice-President, Lena Mishak and Jousef Shkoukani, stood up to say that the Student Congress gives their full support to an OER initiative, and added that they hoped that faculty members would soon begin to look for materials among the OER libraries. They stated that this was the first time that any topic has come up at the Student Congress for which there was complete unanimous support among the student legislators. To emphasize the problem of high price textbooks at OU in their own individual cases, each of these students noted that she/he had decided not to purchase a textbook on more than one occasion, because they could not afford the high price of the textbook. Provost Lentini noted that this is not a cutting edge thing, but rather something that is in full swing in many universities, and he expressed his interest and support in seeing OU move ahead in the direction of promoting the use of OER when they are available.

❖ Provost Lentini offered the opportunity for Senate members to comment on each of the Program Modifications approved by UCUI and Graduate Council (listed above in the summary). Professor Sugamaran provided a presentation regarding the M.S. in Information Technology Management—Business Analytics and Information Security Management to explain the rationale for adding an elective course, increasing the number of required electives to be taken from 3 to 5, renumbering and renaming a course, removing a required elective and adding a required elective. He explained that the purpose of these changes was to keep the program current, and keep the skill set of the students updated. He noted also that they want to increase the depth of the Concentration offering, and increase the number of courses students would take in order to be able to get a Concentration.

❖ **Provost's Updates**: Provost Lentini informed the Senate that the university is looking into how the university handles sexual assault complaints on campus. He noted that they are in the process of asking for information on how this is done, to make sure that OU is following best

practices. He noted that recently, OU has been described as the second safest campus in the USA.

He also pointed out that the 6th annual Student Success Conference was going on the same day as the Senate meeting, and that he would be on his way to the conference. He observed that this leads to the topic of transfer students which is important at OU since more than 40% of OU students are transfer students. He said there are good trends concerning enrollments of FTIACS. Enrollments at community colleges are down, which is not good. He said we used to be first among our regional peers, but we have dropped to fifth because the regional peers have been more transfer-friendly. He is asking the Deans at OU to see how students in their Schools are lining up.

He then reminded Senate members of the March 6 State of Academic Affairs meeting to take place at 11:30 A.M.

4:00: At this point in the meeting, Provost Lentini departed for the Student Success Conference, and Associate Provost Michelle Piskulich took over to chair the rest of the meeting.

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF November 9, 2017

The minutes of the Senate meeting of November 9, 2017, were approved.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion from the University Research Committee to focus Research Committee efforts on faculty research and creative endeavor, change the membership and change the title of Associate Vice President for Research to the Chief Research Officer (or designee)

MOVED *that the Senate approve the revision of the Research Committee charge to remove responsibility for student grants, add creative endeavor to scholarly activities, change the membership, change the title of the AVP Research to the Chief Research Officer (or designee)*
(Ms. Eis, Mr. Cheng)

Claudia Petrescu, Dean of Graduate Education noted that one document attached to the agenda was incorrect and she wanted the Senate to be clear that one member of the University Research Committee would be appointed by the Graduate Council for a two-year term and would be eligible to serve as chair. She directed Senators to an additional document that correctly reported this information. Michelle Piskulich confirmed that Ms. Petrescu's observation was correct and noted that the incorrect document would not appear on the March agenda.

2. Motion from the Steering Committee to recommend approval of the Bachelor of Music in Music Technology in the School of Music, Theatre and Dance in the College of Arts and Sciences

MOVED *that the Senate recommend to the President and the Board of Trustees approval of a program leading to the Bachelor of Music in Music Technology (Ms. Eis, Mr. Rigstad)*

Ms. Wiggins was present to explain the need for this program, and noted that there was an error in the above title, which should be **Music Technology and Industry.** She said that this new program will be unique in that it will involve artist musicians interested in the intersection between sound, technology and entrepreneurship. She stated that this program will bring new students to OU, and better serve the students who are already here.

3. Motion from the School of Nursing to approve a revised constitution

MOVED that the Senate recommend to the President and the Board of Trustees approval of the revised Constitution of the School of Nursing (Ms. Wallace, Mr. Rigstad)

Mr. Moore was present to take questions about the revised constitution in the School of Nursing. Mr. Corso asked about the quorum that their constitution described, and noted that it is customary to use a simple majority. He also pointed out that there is a difference between By-Laws and Constitution. He pointed out that 3/4 is a good threshold for a Constitution, and 2/3 for By-Laws. Mr. Moore expressed his appreciation to Mr. Corso for clarifying the difference between these two types of documents, and said that he would take the constitution back to the School of Nursing with these observations in mind.

4. Procedural Motion to staff Senate Standing Committees

MOVED that the persons listed be appointed to the committees or positions designated (Mr. Rigstad, Ms. Mitchell)

> Kristen Munyan (SON) Winter 2018 replacing Laila Guessous (SECS) 2015-2018 for her sabbatical
> Emily Spugnaugle (KL) Winter 2018 replacing Amanda Hess (KL) 2015-2018 for her leave.

The motion was approved.

D. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,
Dikka Berven (Senate secretary)