

Oakland University Senate Minutes

March 15, 2018

Members present: Arnold, Berven, D., Berven, K., Bowe, Cheezum, Cheng, Corcoran, Corso, Debnath, Dereski, Didion, Doherty, Edrisinha, Eis, Epstein, Garfinkle, Gooren, Harbin, Hranchook, Insko, Knox, Latcha, Lentini, Long, Markel, Megee, Mishack, Navin, Olawoyin, Orzach, Parkash, Payette, Rigstad, Roth, Schmitz, Shkoukani, Stone, Wallis, Weiter, Wells

Members absent: Aloï, Ball, Baxa, Chamra, Chaney, Cole, Craig, Dulio, Dvir, Estes, Folberg, Giblin, Guessous, Herold, Jagtap, Lauer, Law-Sullivan, Mazzeo, Meehan, Mitchell, Reger, Tracy, Van Til

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

Summary of Information and Action Items

INFORMATION ITEMS

Academic Standing and Honors Committee Update

Program modifications approved by Grad Council

Master of Business Administration to add Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Business Essentials

Master in Music Piano Pedagogy in the School of Music Theatre and Dance

Supporting Foster Youth

Provost's Updates

ACTION ITEMS

Old Business

Motions approved:

To revise the URC charge

To recommend approval of the Bachelor of Music in Music Technology in the School of Music Theatre and Dance

To recommend approval of the revised Constitution of the School of Nursing

New Business

Motions:

To approve a revised committee charge adding University Honors to the Academic Standing and Honors Committee charge

Motion was approved to recommend that faculty members use affordable textbooks such as Open Educational Resources and that the university supports such an initiative

Procedural motion:

To designate the appointment of a person to the Gen Ed committee

Provost's Updates

A. INFORMATION ITEMS

- Mr. Navin was present from the Academic Standing and Honors Committee to explain the context of the process for making decisions regarding student standing, dismissals, and reviews of appeals.
- There were two program modifications approved by the Graduate Council: 1) to the Master of Business Administration in the SBA to add a Post-Baccalaureate certificate in Business Essentials, and 2) to the Master in Music Piano Pedagogy in the School of MTD in the CAS to add four credits of required pedagogy courses and to eliminate two credits of elective and two credits of ensemble.
- Ms. VanderLinde was present to inform the Senate that there is a group forming for the purpose of supporting students who are or have been foster youths. She said they are looking for others who are interested in being a part of this group, and anyone interested should contact her.
- Provost Lentini observed that student success is the goal of many initiatives. He pointed out that the 4-year graduation rate is rising, going from 16% to 30% which is moving in the right direction. He remarked upon the improvement of the 5-year rate which is 48%, whereas this is what the 6-year graduation rate was back in 2012. He said that he is interested in effective strategies to graduate our students in a timely manner.

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of February 15, 2018

The minutes of the Senate meeting of February 15, 2018 were approved.

C. OLD 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 the Associate Vice President for Research to the Chief Research Officer

***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).*

The motion was passed unanimously.

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.*

The motion was approved unanimously.

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. Wallis proposed to modify the motion as follows: *To modify the motion to amend the Constitution of the School of Nursing by substituting "Fifty percent (50%)" with "a simple majority" in Article V.B.1; and substituting "a simple majority" with "a three-fourths majority (75%)" in Article VII.A.1.* The motion was seconded.

There was no objection to the motion, and so the motion to modify the motion passed by unanimous consent.

The original motion was then approved unanimously.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion from the Academic Standing and Honors Committee to approve a revised committee charge adding University Honors to its responsibilities (Mr. Rigstad, Mr. Aloï)

MOVED that the Senate approve the addition of University Honors to the charge of the Academic Standing and Honors committee.

The motion was made *to waive the second reading* (Cheng, Eis). This motion carried.

The original motion was then approved unanimously.

2. Motion from the Task Force on Open Educational Resources to recommend that faculty members use affordable textbook alternatives such as Open Educational Resources and that the university support such an initiative

Resolved that the Senate encourage faculty members to use affordable textbook alternatives, such as Open Education Resources (OER) when available, and to encourage the university to support an affordable textbook initiative that would foster student success.

Mr. Latcha expressed concern about voting on this without knowing more about the initiative. Mr. Weiter expressed his support for the resolution, and pointed out the readiness of librarians to assist faculty interested in affordable textbook alternatives or OER. Mr. Arnold said that in his role as financial aid adviser, he sees this resolution as a common sense matter to support.

Mr. Arnold moved to waive the second reading (support by Mr. Cheng). This motion carried with one 'nay' (Mr. Latcha).

The original motion was then approved.

3. Procedural motion to staff Senate Standing Committees (Ms. Wallis, Ms. Eis)

MOVED that the person listed by appointed to the committees or positions designated:

General Education

Emily Spunaugle (KL) Winter 2018 replacing Amanda Hess (KL) 2015-2018 for her leave.

The motion passed unanimously.

E. GOOD AND WELFARE

Ms. Piskulich stated that the volunteer survey is open all year long for Senate Standing committees, and she encouraged volunteers to sign up.

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Dikka Berven (secretary)