

## **Oakland University Senate Minutes**

**September 20, 2018**

**Members present:** *Aloi, AlSalman, Baxa, Berven, D., Berven, K., Campoy-Cubillo, Cheezum, Cheng, Clark, Craig, Debnath, Dereski, Didion, Dulio, Dvir, Edrisinha, Eis, Epstein, Fox, Gooren, Hranchook, Kleinschmidt, Latcha, Lentini, Megee, Meldrum, Mitton, Olawoyin, Parkash, Reger, Rigstad, Roth, Sanders, Stone, Tracy, Wallis, Wells, Wood*

**Members absent:** *Ball, Battle, Bowe, Chamra, Cole, Corcoran, Doherty, Folberg, Garfinkle, Ghazi, Giblin, Guessous, Harbin, Herold, Insko, Knox, Lauer, Long, Margerum-Leys, Mazzeo, Mitchell, Navin, Townsend, Van Til, Weiter*

Provost Lentini called the meeting to order at 3:10 P.M., welcoming everyone to the new academic year as well as to the new and improved Oakland Center for which the ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled to take place in the beginning of October.

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

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Appointments of Senate Secretary and Senate Elections Committee;  
Looking for a Senate Parliamentarian  
AdHoc Campus Tree Advisory Committee Charge  
Provost's Updates**

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

##### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Election of new member of Senate Steering Committee  
Motion approved to change titles to reflect current titles and offices in  
committee membership lists  
Procedural motion approved to staff Senate Standing Committees**

#### **A. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- Provost Lentini thanked Associate Provost Michelle Piskulich for serving as Senate Parliamentarian for the day while the hunt continues for a Parliamentarian to serve this year. He appointed Dikka Berven as Senate Secretary.
- He also appointed members of the Elections Committee who are Richard Olawoyin, Jo Reger and Chaturi Edrisinha (chair).
- He announced that an Ad Hoc Tree Advisory committee had been appointed by the Steering Committee over the summer and noted that their charge has been added to the Senate website. He added that there would be further updates on this committee forthcoming.

### **Provost's Updates:**

Mr. Lentini updated the Senate on major items that had taken place over the summer, such as the President's Retreat in July where among the most important topics discussed were how we are looking at the Strategic Plan, how a Strategic Enrollment Management Plan will work, what the state of the university is, and how it all fits together into the landscape of higher education in general. He pointed out that college enrollments through last December had declined for six years in a row and so planning for the future is very important. In reference to OU's Strategic Plan, he stressed that money is needed in order to meet the goals and so a sustainable funds model is needed that will do a good job of allocating money at OU which is 81% tuition-driven and funded 18% by the state. He stated that enrollment in Michigan overall is in decline which is due partly to demographics and so we need a plan that will counter the downward trends. He emphasized that understanding enrollment trends among FTIACs, transfer students, grad students, international students and adult learners is necessary to create a plan for student retention. He said the numbers show that we have the largest freshman class in history this year which is up 10% from last year. Presently, OU is working on creating opportunities to bring additional credits which could include online, certificate and contract educational partnerships, because if nothing changes in patterns of growth it will not be possible to grow and so he said we need to increase the number of annual student credit hours which have gone down a little in the last couple of years. He provided statistics to show that we may cross the 50% graduation rate for the first time which is a good thing; that annually 40% of students enroll in at least one online class; that FTIAC enrollments are up 10%; that new transfer enrollments are down 3.5% which is not good because 40% of our enrollment comes from transfer students; and in addition, that overall enrollment is down 3% compared to last year at this time. He stated that we need to figure out where we are not competitive with other universities since we have slipped down to the #5 position in Michigan. He asserted that improving retention has the important effect of improving the university's budget bottom line. He summed up by saying that the strategic planning teams will take into account all of these important factors in their work ahead.

He finished his update by outlining the Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) Organizational Framework group which is composed of an Executive Team, the SEM Steering Team, the Recruitment Council, the Credit Generation Council, the Student Success Retention Council. The committees are made of administrators and faculty members. There will be further updates in the months ahead.

### **B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of April 19, 2018**

The minutes of the meeting of April 19, 2018 were approved.

### **C. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Election of the Senate Steering Committee for the 2018-2019 Academic Year**

Ms. Edrisinha conducted the election process, noting that there is a need to fill a one year replacement on the Senate Steering Committee. Senate member Rebecca Cheezum in the SHS was nominated.

The motion to approve this nomination by acclamation passed unanimously. (Tracy, Aloï)  
Current membership of the Steering Committee includes: Andrea Eis (CAS), Beth Wallis (KL), Mark Rigstad (CAS), Ron Tracy (SBA), and Dan Aloï (SECS). In addition, Provost Lentini and the Secretary of the Senate, Dikka Berven, also participate in Steering Committee meetings.

### **2. MOTION from the Steering Committee to change the titles and/or offices to reflect current titles and offices in committee membership list.**

***MOVED that the following titles and/or offices be changed to reflect current titles and names in committee charges and membership (Tracy, Eis)***

#### **OLD**

Associate Vice President for Technical Services and Classroom Support (TSCS)

Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations

Vice President for Student Affairs or Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management

Senior Associate Provost

Associate Vice President for Research

Vice Provost for Graduate Study

#### **NEW**

Executive Director for Classroom Support and Technical Instructional Services

Vice President for University Advancement

Vice President for Student Affairs and Chief Diversity Officer

Associate Provost

Chief Research Officer

Dean, Graduate Education

There was a motion to waive the section reading which was approved unanimously (Cheng, Dulio).

The original motion was then passed unanimously.

### **3. Procedural Motion to staff Senate Standing Committees**

***MOVED that persons listed be appointed to the committees or positions designated (Aloï, Rigstad)***

**Academic Standing and Honors Committee**

Bazinski, Steve (SECS) Winter 2019 replacing Yin Yu-Thompson for her sabbatical

**Assessment Committee**

Beres, Jan (SON) 2018-2019 replacing Carrie Buch for remainder of her term

Kareen Tonsing (CAS) 2018-2019 replacing Miles Brown (2017-2019) resigned

**General Education Committee**

Coppin, Addington (SBA) Fall 2018 replacing Ram Orzach 2016-2019 for his sabbatical

**Honorary Degree Committee**

Taku, Kana (CAS) 2018-2019 replacing Eric LaRock (CAS) 2016-2019 for his Fall 2018 Sabbatical and Ravi Khatree (CAS) 2016-2019 for his Winter 2019 sabbatical

**Library Committee**

Zhao, Peng (SECS) 2018-2020

Spugnaugle, Emily (KL) 2018-2020 CHAIR replacing Dominique Daniel 2020

Engwall, Keith (Medical Librarian) 2018-2020)

**Research Committee**

Tomlin, Kasaundra (SBA) 2018-2020 replacing Janell Townsend 2018-2020

Insko, Jeff (CAS) 2018-2020 replacing Allison Powell (CAS) 2018-2020

Hoag, Melissa (CAS) 2018-2020 replacing Mary Dereski (SOM) 2018-2020

**University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction**

Sidelinger, Rob (CAS-LL) 2018-2019 replacing Lisa Levinson

The motion was approved unanimously.

**D. GOOD AND WELFARE**

Provost Lentini said that in reference to the capital outlay projects, the SFH expansion project was still not funded.

Mr. Stone said that his Research Office is reporting \$4,000,000 in this year's quarterly report.

Ms. Piskulich reminded Senate members to send nominations to the Honorary Degree Committee.

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dikka Berven, Senate Secretary

