

## Oakland University Senate Minutes

November 15, 2018

**Members present:** Aloï, AlSalman, Ball, Battle, Baxa, Berven, D., Berven, K., Bowe, Campoy-Cubillo, Cheezum, Cheng, Clark, Debnath, Dereski, Doherty, Eis, Epstein, Folberg, Fox, Garfinkle, Gooren, Guessous, Hranchook, Knox, Latcha, Lentini, Mazzeo, Megee, Mitchell, Navin, Olawoyin, Parkash, Roth, Sanders, Townsend, Tracy, Van Til, Wallis, Weiter, Wells, Wood

**Members absent:** Chamra, Cole, Corcoran, Craig, Didion, Dulio, Dvir, Edrisinha, Giblin, Harbin, Herold, Insko, Kleinschmidt, Lauer, Long, Margerum-Leys, Meldrum, Mitton, Reger, Rigstad, Schmitz, Stone

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

### Summary of Action and Information Items

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

##### Capital Campaign Presentation

##### Program modifications approved by UCUI

B.A. in Political Science in the Dept. of Political Science (CAS) to add a specialization in Courts, Justice and Politics

B.A. in Political Science in the Dept. of Political Science (CAS) to add a specialization in Campaigns and Elections

B.A. in International Relations in the Dept. of Political Science in the CAS to add a specialization in Global Justice and Sustainability

B.A. in International Relations in the Dept. of Political Science in the CAS to add a specialization in Foreign Affairs and Diplomacy

##### Provost's Updates

#### ACTION ITEMS

##### NEW BUSINESS:

Motion from the ASH Committee to change the Academic Honors section of the OU Undergraduate Catalog

Motion from the ASH Committee to update the Readmission section of the OU Undergraduate Catalog

Motion from the Council on Diversity Equity and Inclusion to adopt strategies in support of Goal 4 Diversity and Inclusion of the Oakland University Strategic Plan

Motion that the Senate recommend to the President and BOT approval of the B.S. in Exercise Science in the SHS

Motion from UCUI to reduce the minimum number of credits required for a degree from 124 to 120

Procedural Motion to Staff Senate Planning Review Committee

## INFORMATION ITEMS

- Provost Lentini introduced Mr. Michael Westfall (VP University Advancement) and Ms. Alison Gaudreau (Senior Director of Campaign Management) who were present to provide an overview of the upcoming launch of the Capital Campaign and a review of philanthropy history at OU since 1995. Ms. Gaudreau reported that from 2009-2018 there were lots of starts and stops in fund-raising, and she noted that she is the third campaign director. She said they have now completed a feasibility study and capacity analysis to check for readiness and to set the goals and are off to a good start for the upcoming campaign. Mr. Westfall gave the Senate a summary of where OU stands now with regards to the campaign, and what will be accomplished. He explained the infrastructure enhancement and systems organization of the campaign, and outlined the work to be done in the areas of communication and marketing, budget, reporting, data, annual giving, Planned Giving, Principal Gifts and stewardship. He named the emergent priorities to be unit support strategies, corporate foundation relations, Principal Gifts and Planned Giving. He explained that Principal Gifts are those which are \$1,000,000 or more, and they will be of special interest in this campaign, but he was clear that every donation is important and will count. He noted that each development officer will have specific goals. Ms. Gaudreau stated that most universities are always in a campaign stage which have various phases. She said that campaigns draw attention to what *could be* in the future. She outlined the timetable for the campaign and said the launch date and financial goal will be announced at the Gala on November 17<sup>th</sup> at which they are expecting 430 guests at \$200 per ticket, with current sponsorship revenue of \$167,500 having been raised. At the event, Malcom Gladwell will be the keynote speaker. She said that the public phase of the campaign could last until 2024. Mr. Westfall reviewed the campaign priorities. He wants all OU people to tell their story, attend OU events, share OU posts on social media and provide feedback. He said they are looking for 100% participation in this campaign, and he asked senators to encourage others to participate, and to identify prospects if they know of any. He noted that the campaign motto will be: **ASPIRE. ADVANCE.ACHIEVE.**

- Mr. Lentini noted as information that the following program modifications were approved by UCUI in the Department of Political Science (CAS) to the B.A. in Political Science: (a) to add a specialization in Courts, Justice and Politics, (b) to add a specialization in Campaigns and Elections; (c) to add a specialization in Global Justice and Sustainability; and also (d) to add a specialization in Foreign Affairs and Diplomacy to the B.A. in International Relations in the Department of Political Science.

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

- Mr. Lentini announced that new BOT members have been named, including Dennis Muchmore who started in October, and Bryan Calley (Lieutenant Governor of the State of Michigan), who will join the BOT in January.
- He noted that the December 6 meeting will be in the Banquet Room B.
- He announced that there is a new director of Institutional Research.
- He appointed Mike Latcha as Parliamentarian for the rest of the year.
- He reminded senators that Commencement will be coming up on December 15.

## **B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of September 20, 2018**

The minutes of September 20, 2018 were approved.

## **C. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Motion from the Academic Standing and Honors Committee to change the Academic Honors section of the Oakland University Undergraduate Catalog**

***MOVED** that the Senate approve changes to clarify information related to academic honors and (1) adding summer as a semester in which students may achieve semester honors; (2) allowing students who resolve an 'I' grade within the 1-year time limit to be retroactively placed on the Dean's list if they meet all requirement; and (3) adding program honors to departmental and school honors. (Wallis, Eis)*

Mr. Navin (Chair, Academic Standing and Honors Committee) was present to explain the need for the changes to the undergraduate catalog.

### **2. Motion from the Academic Standing and Honors Committee to update the Readmission section of the Oakland University Undergraduate Catalog**

***MOVED** that the Senate approve updating the language on readmission (2) to remove a statement stating that the number of times a student may be readmitted is limited; (2) remove language barring a student who has been dismissed academically a second time from reapplying for three years; (3) giving the Academic Standing and Honors Committee a role in readmission decisions for students who have been dismissed two or more times and (4) removing the statement that a student who has been dismissed three times may not be readmitted (Wallis, Aloï)*

Mr. Navin explained the rationale for the changes that will update the undergraduate catalog with regard to readmission.

### **3. Motion that the Senate recommend to the President and Board of Trustees approval of the Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science in the School of Health Sciences**

***MOVED** that the Senate recommend to the President and Board of Trustees approval of the Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science in the School of Health Sciences.*

Ms. Thompson and Mr. Marks School of Health Sciences presented the proposal. Ms. Thompson pointed out that that currently there is not a B.S. in Exercise Science at OU, but now that there is a new building where their School is housed, and also there is now lab space and equipment, and so it is possible for them to move forward with this degree at this time. She stated that there is a need in southeast Michigan for this program, and she said that similar programs at other universities have thrived. She added that there is current demand at OU as well. She and Mr. Marks presented a detailed overview of the curriculum. The number of faculty that would be requested for this degree will be

based upon calculation of credit delivery. They are proposing a Special Instructor in Year 2, and two Assistant/Associate Professors in years 3 and 4. In addition, they will need a Clerical Technical Lab Manager, and Graduate Assistants. They also provided a review of the budget they have proposed for equipment, supplies and services.

Mr. Folberg (SOM) said there is a high level of enthusiasm by the SOM for this degree in Exercise Science. He said it is needed and he wanted to give 100% support. Ms. Hranchook thanked Ms. Thompson and Mr. Marks for their excellent program and presentation. Mr. Olawoyin expressed his support as well.

Mr. Baxa moved to waive the second reading (second by Ms. Bowe). This motion passed. The original motion passed unanimously.

#### **4. Motion from the University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction (UCUI) to reduce the minimum number of credits required for a degree from 124 to 120**

***MOVED** that the minimum number of credits be changed from 124 to 120 credits and that the Committee on Instruction of each academic unit be requested to amend their catalog copy and to consider the potential to reduce the free elective credits to enable degree completion at 120 credits (Cheezum, Eis).*

Ms. Hitt was present to explain the proposed change. She said that the Higher Learning Commission minimum number of credits for a Bachelors degree is 120 credits, and she said that most other universities have this minimum number of credits for graduation. She asserted that Oakland University should do the same.

Mr. Navin suggested that the motion should be divided and split to be considered separately, as follows:

***MOVED** that the minimum number of credits be changed from 124 to 120 credits;*

***MOVED** that the COI of each academic unit be requested to amend their catalog copy and to consider the potential to reduce the free elective credits to enable degree completion at 120 credits.*

This motion was seconded by Ms. Townsend. The motion passed.

There were questions about the second motion. Ms. Guessous was concerned how this would work in the School of Engineering. Mr. Tracy said he was in favor of the first motion, but opposed to the second one. Ms. Hitt said she would do some more research to find out what the language in the catalog currently is for all the Schools besides the CAS which she had primarily considered so far, and she would return to the Senate with further information.

#### **5. Procedural Motion to staff Senate Standing Committee**

***MOVED** that the person listed by appointed to the committee or position designated:*

##### **Planning Review Committee**

Heisler, Jennifer (CAS) Winter 2019 replacing Kris Thompson for her sabbatical (Aloi, Cheezum)

The motion was approved.

**C. GOOD AND WELFARE**

Provost Lentini added that Warren Whitacre is on campus from San Diego as a Diversity Post Doc.

Ms. Guessous returned to the credit issue agenda item, and asked whether we should prepare ourselves that Masters Degrees will be changed to 30 credits. Mr. Lentini agreed that this matter should also be looked at along with the change of minimum credits needed to graduate.

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dikka Berven (secretary)