

Senate minutes January 16, 2020

Members present: *Alexander, Aloj, AlSalman, Ball, Barclay, Battle, Berven, K., Berven, D., Campoy-Cubillo, Cesmelioglu, Chamra, Cheng, Dean, Debnath, Didion, Dinda, Discenna, Doherty, Edrisinha, ElSayed, Epstein, Estes, Gajewski, Garfinkle, Givlin, Gooren, Havstad, Hristova, Jankowski, Knox, Knutson, Landolt, Latcha, Lawa-Sullivan, Lentini, Liptak, Margerum-Leys, Meldrum, Meldrum, Meyers, Meezwa, Parkash, Paul, Petrescu, Reger, Rodriguez, Rule, Rutledge, Wadsworth, Wells, Wood, Zhang*

Members absent: *Corcoran, Corso, Cortes, guessous, Joyce, Leibert, Mazzeo, McMillon, Miller, Roumani, Tiags, Tracy*

Provost Lentini called the meeting to order at 3:10 P.M., wishing everyone a happy new year and a good semester ahead.

Summary of Information and Action Items

INFORMATION ITEMS

Financial Aid at Oakland University

New OIRA Website

Program Modifications approved by UCUI

B.S. in Physics in the Department of Physics (CAS) adding a minor in Astronomy

B.S. in Physics in the Department of Physics (CAS) adding a minor in Geology

Name change of the minor in Writing and Rhetoric (CAS)

Eliminate the concentration in Nutrition and Health in the SHS

Change the required CLEP score for awarding competency credit from 55% to 50%

Provost's Updates

ACTION ITEMS

OLD BUSINESS

Motion from the Graduate Council to approve a new Graduate English as a Second Language Policy

Motion approved from the University Assessment committee to correct an error to their membership

NEW BUSINESS

Election to replace a member of the Senate Steering Committee for Winter 2020

A. INFORMATION ITEMS

Provost Lentini provided the opportunity for Senate members to comment on the above program modifications approved by UCUI in the Department of Physics (CAS), the name change of the minor in Writing and Rhetoric (CAS), and the elimination of the concentration in Nutrition and Health in the SHS.

The change of the CLEP score for awarding competency credit from 55% to 50% was being done to align with other Michigan universities and to CLEP standard of 50% as passing. There was a detailed presentation by representatives of the Financial Aid office on the programs and complexities of the issue of providing financial aid for students at Oakland University.

B. Approval of the minutes of December 5, 2019

The minutes of the meeting of December 5, 2019 were approved.

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Motion from Graduate Council to approve a new Graduate English as a Second Language Policy

Moved that the Senate approve a new Graduate ESL Policy.

The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Motion from the University Assessment Committee to correct an error to their membership

MOVED that the Senate approve the removal of a member appointed by the Professional Advising Council on the University Assessment Committee

The motion was approved unanimously.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Election to replace a member of the Senate Steering Committee for Winter 2020—Senate Elections Committee.

The Senate needed to fill a one-semester vacancy on the Senate Steering Committee. Ms. Reger conducted the election. Annabella Jankowski was elected to fill this position.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Dikka Berven (secretary)