

Senate Minutes October 15, 2020

Members present: *Aloi, AlSalman, Ball, Barclay, Barry, Berven, K., Berven, D., Boruff-Jones, Campoy-Cubillo, Cesmelioglu, Chent, Clark, Corcoran, Corso, Cortes, Dean, Cebnath, Didion, Dinda, Discenna, Doherty, Edrisinha, ElSayed, Epstein, Estes, Gajewski, Giblin, Gooren, Guessous, Hay, Isken, Jankowski, Knox, Latcha, Leibert, Laszlo, Mazzeo, McMillon, Meyers, Miller J., Miller, K., Miree, Parkash, Paul, Petrescu, Piskulich, Reger, Rodriguez, Roumani, Tracy, Van Til, Wadsworth, Wells, Zhang*

Members absent: *Battistuzzi, Bradley, Caushaj, Landolt, Law-Sullivan, Margerum-Leys, Mezwa, Roach, Tiegs, Southward*

Interim Provost Michelle Piskulich called the Zoom meeting to order at 3:10 P.M.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

Program Modifications

Master of Music in Music Education

MS in Exercise Science and BS in Exercise Science (4 + 1)

Bachelor of Integrative Studies

e-LIS presentation

Mental Health Language for Syllabus

Provost's Updates

NEW BUSINESS

Procedural Motion to staff Senate Committees

Procedural Motion to staff Senate Task Force

A. INFORMATION ITEMS

Interim Provost Piskulich provided an opportunity for comments on the following program modifications: Master of Music in Music Education, MS in Exercise Science, and Bachelor of Integrative Studies.

Shaun Moore was present to summarize what e-LIS has been doing since COVID hit and brought the drastic shift to online classes. He said that this fall, they have had over 2000 tickets requesting assistance. He noted that last year there were 272 online classes, whereas in Fall 2020, there are 2100 online classes. He thanked Dan Arnold and his staff for their hard work. Among other things, E-LIS has:

- ✓ Upgraded existing software and implemented new software (such as Proctor, Ally, Yuja, Lecture Capture, Media Management, Zoom)
- ✓ Created 31 new help videos and added dozens of new help documents for faculty and students
- ✓ Added top level guides to online teaching and learning for faculty and students
- ✓ Created a new self-paced online teaching workshop
- ✓ Offered Quality Online Teaching Certification Courses

- ✓ Offered One-on-One appointments for assistance to faculty setting up their courses
- ✓ Offered the Moodle Mentors program

Ms. Joanna Hernandez (SON) was present from the Academic Support Committee to present the new Mental Health Language that faculty members should include in their syllabi. The wording is as follows:

Oakland University is committed to advancing the mental health and well-being of its students. If you or someone you know is feeling overwhelmed, depressed, and/or in need of support, services are available. For help, contact the OU Counseling Center in the Human Health Building at (248) 370-3465 or the SEHS Counseling Center at 250A Pawley Hall, (248) 370-2633, <https://oakland.edu/counseling/sehs-cc/>. Student resources can also be found at <https://www.oakland.edu/deanofstudents/student-health-safety-resources/>. For immediate 24/7 services contact Common Ground at <https://commongroundhelps.org/#/> via chat or call or text the word "hello" to 1-800-231-1127.

Provost's Updates:

Ms. Piskulich updated the Senate on enrollments, and observed that credit hours are down 2 ½% in the fall which is better than predicted, but at this point winter semester credit hours are down 11% which she pointed out may be due to students waiting to see how classes will be offered.

She said that a survey has been sent out to students to get a sense of their expectations.

She noted that complaints from students and parents to her office are primarily from asynchronous courses which have a lack of engagement. She said that emails are not seen by students as engagement, and faculty need to find ways to show their students that they are there. She suggested that it is important for students to see the faces of their professors, and also to engage with each other.

She affirmed that OU will re-issue the requirement for a mask in accordance with the state of Michigan's Health Department's orders.

She indicated that it looks like funding for the renovations to South Foundation Hall will come through

She reported that OU is in the final stages of buying a research building off of M-59.

She announced that the Provost search is over, and the new Provost will be Britt Rios-Ellis who will arrive on campus in January.

B. APPROVAL of the Minutes of September 17, 2020

The minutes of the Senate meeting of September 17, 2020, were approved

NEW BUSINESS

1. Procedural Motion to staff Senate Committee

MOVED that the persons listed be appointed to the committees or positions designated (Meyers, Tracy)
General Education Assessment Committee

Term 2020-2023

Amanda Hess (KL)-Co Chair
Serena Huang (SOM)
Cynthia Carver (SEHS)
Randy Gu (SECS)
Emily VanWasshenova (SHS)
Tim Hodge (SBA)
Kristen Munyan (SON)

Term 2020-2022

Lori Ostergaard (CAS) Co-Chair (On sabbatical Winter 2021)
Kellie Hay (CAS)
Andrea Kozak (CAS)

Term 2020-2021

Melanie Chang (CAS)
Kimmie Parker (CAS)
Kathy Battles (CAS)

The motion passed (44 yes, 0 no)

2. Procedural Motion to staff Senate Task Force

MOVED that the persons listed be appointed to the committees or positions designated (Rodriguez, Discenna)

Senate Task Force on Classroom Use and Scheduling

Chair/Faculty/Associate Dean Representatives:

CAS Douglas Wendell (Faculty)
SBA Janell Townsend (Faculty)
SHS Jennifer Lucarelli or Kris Thompson (Faculty)
SON Carrie Buch (Associate Dean)
SECS Bob Van Til (Faculty)
SEHS Todd Leibert (Faculty)

The motion was approved.

D. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,
Dikka Berven (secretary)

