

Senate Minutes
March 18, 2021

Members present: *Aloi, AlSalman, Ball, Barry, Berven, K., Berven, D., Boruff-Jones, Campoy-Cubillo, Cesmelioglu, Cheng, Corcoran, Dean, Debnath, Didion, Dinda, Doherty, ElSayed, Epstein, Estes, Gajewski, Guessous, Knox, Landolt, Latcha, Law-Sullivan, Leibert, Liptak, Margerum-Leys, Mazzeo, McMillon, Meyers, Mezwa, Miller, J., Miller, K., Miree, Parkash, Paul, Piskulich, Rodriguez, Roumani, Southward, Tracy, Van Til, Wells, Zhang*

Members absent: *Barclay, Battistuzzi, Bradley, Caushaj, Chamra, Corso, Cortes, Discenna, Edrisinha, Giblin, Gooren, Jankowski, Massoud, Roach, Tiegs, Wadsworth*

Provost Rios-Ellis called the meeting to order at 3:10 P.M.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

Graduate Program Modifications

SEHS: Program modification of current Master of Training and Development to Master of Organizational Leadership Proposed Curriculum Modification

CAS: Certificate Modifications in Political Science Department

SBA: New Certificate in Fin-Tech

Undergraduate Program Modifications

CAS: Program modifications to B.A. and minor in Linguistics Department

CAS: Program modification to B.M. in Music Education and Performance in Instrumental and General Music in Music Department

CAS: Concentration in Pre-Medical Studies: Medicine, Dentistry, Optometry and Veterinary Medicine in Biology Department

SHS: Program modifications to B.S. in Health Sciences in Department of Interdisciplinary Health Science

Combined Graduate and Undergraduate Program Modifications

CAS: New Combined B.S./M.S. 4+1 in Department of Mathematics and Statistics

Test Optional Admissions

Provost's Updates

A. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Provost Rios-Ellis provided the opportunity for Senate members to comment on the following Graduate and Undergraduate Program Modifications. There were no comments.

1. Graduate Program Modifications

a. SEHS - Program Modification to Current Program - Master of Training and Development to Master of Organizational Leadership Proposed Curriculum Modification.

The Master of Training and Development was originally approved in 1997. The proposed changes align very strongly with the overall departmental strengths, curriculum and mission. The proposed modifications include: 1) a change in major from Master of Training and Development to Master of Organizational Leadership; 2) a new degree code [MOL] 3) a reduction of required credits from 36 to 32; 4) elimination of 8 existing courses; 5) creation of 2 new courses; 6) a cohort based program delivery and 7) a 12-month accelerated time frame to graduation. The program has provided the Graduate Council a detailed teach out plan that will provide current students the option to graduate with the Master of Training and Development degree using the old course requirements -OR- transfer to the modified program Master of Organizational Leadership. - **Eileen Johnson**

- i. Graduate Council Review
- ii. Second Memo to Senate Steering Committee-Modified Program Description
- iii. Answers to Graduate Council Questions Regarding Proposal
- iv. [Senate Planning Committee Review](#)

b. CAS - Political Science Department - Program Modification to the Certificate(s) in:

- i. Court Administration
- ii. Criminal Justice Leadership
- iii. Health Care Administration
- iv. Local Government Management
- v. Nonprofit Organization and Management.

MPA program converted to a 3-credit model (excepting our capstones & selected 2 credit modules). Thus needing to convert each of the Graduate Certificates from 16 to 12 total credits (i.e. from 4 courses x 4 credits to 4 courses x 3 credits). These programs were intended from inception to offer mechanisms by which students could add or augment their skill set with a coherent bundle of courses short of a full degree program. Department is experiencing an increased interest in these products as the perceived value of badging and stackable credentials grows. These certificates can also be on-ramps to full MPA. - **Pat Piskulich**

c. SBA - New Certificate in Fin-Tech - Proposal to begin Fall 2021 - Accounting and Finance Department is proposing a new certificate – Fin-Tech Program for a possible start of Fall 2021. The subject of Fin-Tech as a discipline within the School of Business Administration is a rapidly advancing field as enabled by the implementation and use of technology and its operational implementation. The Fin-Tech discipline is amongst the fastest growing and most dynamic areas of Finance. Initiating the Graduate Fin-Tech Certificate program will allow Oakland University to avail itself and facilitate the avenues of opportunity for a growing population of Finance and Management Information System students. Such a program will also broaden and deepen Oakland University's connections and networks within the financial community including but not limited to interdisciplinary relationships and associations with financial industries, businesses, organizations, and the larger community. - **Robert Uptegraff**

2. Undergraduate Program Modifications

a. CAS - Department of Linguistics - Program modifications to BA in Linguistics and the Linguistics Minor to change the minimum cumulative GPA to 2.0, require a C or better in LIN 2201, require one year of foreign language instead of two, and add LIN 4305 [Phonetics Theory] to the major requirement options. - ***Kuniko Nielsen***

b. CAS - Department of Music – Program modifications to BM in Music Education and Performance in Instrumental and General Music to change the course requirements resulting in a decrease in the Applied Music requirement from 39 to 35 credits. - ***Amy Tully***

Specific changes included:

- i. Decrease Senior Recital requirements from 6 credits to 4
- ii. Rename MUS 4563 - Instrumental Repertoire I (1 credit) to MUA 4563 Instrumental Repertoire and Pedagogy (2 credits).
- iii. Remove MUS 4547 - Instrumental Teaching Studio (2 credits)
- iv. Remove MUS 4564 - Instrumental Repertoire II (1)
- v. Add the requirement of “Performance Elective Courses” (4 credits) from the following electives: MUS 3054 Basic Recording Techniques (2 credits) MUS 2701 Creative Composition I (2 credits) MUS 4701 Orchestration & Arranging (2 credits) MUS 4720 Career Building for Musicians (2 credits) MUA 4564 Instrumental Performance Topics (2 credits)

c. CAS - Department of Biology, Concentration in Pre-Medical Studies: Medicine, Dentistry, Optometry, and Veterinary Medicine to identify core courses, to restructure the Biology electives and to reduce the total credits of Biology required from 24-25 to 24 (Note: Name change request Not Approved) - ***Doug Wendell***

d. SHS - Department of Interdisciplinary Health Science – Program Modifications to the BS in Health Sciences - *Jennifer Lucarelli and Kristin Landis-Piwowar*

- i. Add SOC 1010 as an alternate for PSY 1000 in the core requirements.
- ii. Decrease credits from 4 to 3 for the following courses: HS 3400; HS 4430; HS 4440; HS 4450; HS 4460
- iii. Move HS 3500 to the core requirements for all concentrations
- iv. Renumber HS 2250 to HS 3250
- v. Holistic Health Concentration: Require HS 4460, formerly an elective to
 - a. No longer require PSY 3180 as required
 - b. Remove HS 4410 (4 credits) requirements and replaced with HS 3410 (3 credits)
 - c. Remove HS 4420 as elective.
- vi. Pre-Health Professions:
 - a. Add CDS 4050 as elective
- vii. Effective AY 22-23, HS 3250 will be required for all concentrations; PSY 2250 and

PSY 2500 will be moved to elective courses

3. Combined Graduate and Undergraduate Program Modifications

CAS-Department of Mathematics and Statistics-New Combined BS/MS Statistics 4+1

4. Test Optional Admissions - Shane Lewis, Director of Admissions

5. Provost's Updates: Provost Rios-Ellis said that the university was moving aggressively forward to coming back to the fall semester with face-to-face classes as safely as possible. She stated that it is hoped that at least 70% of the campus community will be vaccinated, and she provided assurance that the university will follow CDC guidelines as closely as possible.

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES_of February 18, 2021

The minutes of the meeting of February 18, 2021 were approved.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion from Graduate Council to approve a new Master's in Social Work Program

***MOVED** that the Senate approve a Graduate Council's new Master's in Social Work Program (Aloi, Meyers)*

First Reading: Amenable, debatable but not eligible for final vote at this meeting.

Comment: Proposed Master's in Social Work Program
Graduate Council Approval
University Assessment Committee Approval
Senate Planning Review Committee Approval
Senate Budget Review Committee Approval

Summary of Proposed Master's in Social Work Program - Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work (CAS) - The Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work and Criminal Justice is proposing a new graduate degree program- a Master of Social Work (MSW) program for a possible start of Fall 2022. This curriculum is designed in part to fulfill the curricular requirements associated with Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Core Competencies. Depending how students enter the MSW program there are two options for completing the proposed MSW degree: a traditional curriculum for students who do not hold a BSW, including 64 hours of coursework and 900 hours of field education, and an advanced standing program for students who hold a BSW and meet additional criteria that requires 34 credit hours of coursework and 450 hours of field education.

Ms. Maria Beam was present to answer questions. Mr. Leibert noted that as long as this program was not dealing with clinical, then his department would be supportive, but if not he expressed concern that there could be competition with his department. Ms. Bean indicated

that it is an integrated approach blending macro and micro aspects of topics. She stated that they would be using the Advanced Generalist approach, and would be only one of four programs in Michigan universities using an integrative approach so that students can practice skills in the health care setting. She added that there would be 450 hours of clinical training and 900 hours of practical training.

Dean Ball moved to waive the second reading (seconded by Ms. Southward)

Mr. Leibert said that his department will be upset because there will be some competition. Mr. Latcha and Mr. Tracy asked why there was a hurry that would make it necessary to waive the second reading. Ms. Beam replied that they need state approval before they can admit people. She said students can't apply for candidacy so the delay would be problematic. Ms. Piskulich added that if the second reading were not waived, the proposal would miss the Board of Trustees meeting and the June meeting of the Chief Academic Officers which will delay the program until the winter semester. Mr. Leibert re-iterated his concern about the relationship between his department and this proposal.

The motion to waive the section meeting was not approved. (18 yes, 26 no)

2. Motion from the Graduate Council to modify the Graduate Certificate Minimum Credits Policy

MOVED that the Senate approve the updated policy (Tracey, Aloj)

First Reading: Amenable, debatable but not eligible for final vote at this meeting.

Comment: Proposed Language Change

Summary:

Current Language - Graduate Certificate Minimum Credits (15 credits)

An *Approved Graduate Certificate* shall require no less than 15 graduate credit hours selected from those courses applicable to the graduate degree with which it is associated.

Proposed Language Change - Graduate Certificate Minimum Credits Approved by Graduate Council (12 credits)

An *Approved Graduate Certificate* shall require no less than **12** graduate credit hours selected from those courses applicable to the graduate degree with which it is associated.

Ms. Landolt moved to waive the second reading (seconded by Ms. Rodriguez).

Mr. Latcha inquired about the need to waive the second reading. Ms. Landolt replied that this would facilitate the quick shift of graduate credit hours needed for the Approved Graduate Certificate. Mr. Latcha said that Senators should be able to go back to their constituencies and return to the next meeting for the final vote.

The motion to waive the second reading was not approved. (17 yes, 27 no)

C. GOOD AND WELFARE

Ms. Rodriguez announced that the Affordable Course Materials Initiative group has launched their second installment of proposals for incentive programs to convert courses to low-cost materials.

There was a discussion about how the Senate votes at the Zoom meeting. It was decided that the Steering Committee would meet with the Senate parliamentarian, Mr. Latcha, to clarify this issue.

Provost Rioz-Ellis urged Senators to get vaccinated as soon as possible.

D. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dikka Berven (secretary)