

Oakland University Senate Agenda

Meeting Details

April 17, 2025

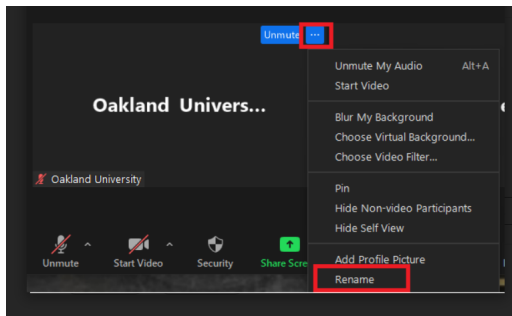
Meeting Time: 3:10 pm

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Agenda

1. Informational Items

1.1. **Graduate Program Items**

- 1.1.1. **Mechanical Engineering, Master of Science, graduate program modification** to begin Fall 2025, to include an option with vehicle dynamics and controls systems courses; Department of Mechanical Engineering, School of Computer Science and Engineering (Laila Guessous)
- 1.1.2. **Mechanical Engineering, Doctor of Philosophy, graduate program modification** to begin Fall 2025, to provide more flexibility to the doctoral advisory committee in directing the course selection of students by changing the wording for depth areas selection; Department of Mechanical Engineering, School of Computer Science and Engineering (Laila Guessous)

- 1.1.3. **Physician Assistant Science, Master of Physician Assistance Science, graduate program modification** to begin Fall 2025, revision to the curriculum to remove two courses whose content is being integrated into other courses, and to add two new courses to align with the accrediting agency's (ARC-PA) standards and the program competency blueprint); Department of Clinical and Diagnostic Science, School of Health Sciences (Kristine Thompson)
- 1.1.4. **Engineering Management, Master of Science, graduate program modification** to begin Fall 2025, revision to the curriculum to remove one course and add two additional courses to the options listed under required courses; Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, School of Engineering and Computer Science (Vijitashwa Pandey)
- 1.1.5. **Industrial and Systems Engineering, Master of Science, graduate program modification** to begin Fall 2025, revision to the curriculum to add one additional course to the options listed under required courses; Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, School of Engineering and Computer Science (Vijitashwa Pandey)
- 1.1.6. **Systems Engineering, Master of Science, graduate program modification** to begin Fall 2025, revision to the curriculum to add one additional course to the options listed under required courses; Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, School of Engineering and Computer Science (Vijitashwa Pandey)
- 1.1.7. **Social Work: Advanced Standing Program, Master of Social Work, new graduate concentration**, program modification to convert two specializations into concentrations in Advanced Social Work Practice in Behavioral Health and School Social Work; Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work and Criminal Justice, College of Arts and Sciences (Maria Beam)
- 1.1.8. **Social Work: Traditional Program, Master of Social Work, new graduate concentration**, program modification to convert two specializations into concentrations in Advanced Social Work Practice in Behavioral Health and School Social Work.; Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work and Criminal Justice, College of Arts and Sciences (Maria Beam)
- 1.1.9. **Orthopedics, Graduate Certificate, discontinue a graduate certificate**, discontinuing this certificate because of no enrollment.; Department of Human Movement Sciences, School of Health Sciences (John Krauss)
- 1.1.10. **Doctor of Philosophy in Education: Counseling, graduate program modification** to begin Fall 2025, to reduce total degree credits from 64 to 60, in addition, the new 2024 CACREP standards no longer require doctoral students to have a separate doctoral-level practicum, but rather require doctoral students to complete internships totaling 600 hours; Department of Counseling, School of Education and Human Services (Jennifer Matthews, Michael Chaney)
- 1.1.11. **Higher Education Leadership, Master of Education, graduate program modification** to begin Fall 2025, making one elective course required and one required course an elective and ensure that all graduates have a foundational understanding of college student development; Department of Organizational Leadership, School of Education and Human Services (Thandi Sulé)
- 1.2. **Undergraduate Program Items**
 - 1.2.1. **Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences, B.S., Specialization in Medical Laboratory Science (MLS)**, modification to the major by adding a course in laboratory management to the requirements; Department of Clinical and Diagnostics Sciences, School of Health Sciences (Christina Lim, Kristine Thompson)
- 1.3. **Combined Graduate & Undergraduate Items**
 - 1.3.1. **French Language and Literature, B.A./Court Administration, Graduate Certificate, Combined B.A. and Graduate Certificate, a new combined BA to Graduate Certificate program** for students pursuing a world language degree that want to pursue a career in Court Administration, Department of Modern Languages and Political Science, The College of Arts and Sciences (Matt Fails)

- 1.3.2. **French Language and Literature, B.A./Criminal Justice Leadership, Graduate Certificate, Combined B.A. and Graduate Certificate, a new combined BA to Graduate Certificate program** for students pursuing a world language degree that want to pursue a career in Criminal Justice Leadership, Department of Modern Languages and Political Science, The College of Arts and Sciences (Matt Fails)
- 1.3.3. **French Language and Literature, B.A./Health Care Administration, Graduate Certificate, Combined B.A. and Graduate Certificate, a new combined BA to Graduate Certificate program** for students pursuing a world language degree that want to pursue a career in Health Care Administration, Department of Modern Languages and Political Science, The College of Arts and Sciences (Matt Fails)
- 1.3.4. **French Language and Literature, B.A./Local Government Management, Graduate Certificate, Combined B.A. and Graduate Certificate, a new combined BA to Graduate Certificate program** for students pursuing a world language degree that want to pursue a career in Local Government Management, Department of Modern Languages and Political Science, The College of Arts and Sciences (Matt Fails)
- 1.3.5. **French Language and Literature, B.A./Nonprofit Organization and Management, Graduate Certificate, Combined B.A. and Graduate Certificate, a new combined BA to Graduate Certificate program** for students pursuing a world language degree that want to pursue a career in Nonprofit Organization and Management, Department of Modern Languages and Political Science, The College of Arts and Sciences (Matt Fails)
- 1.3.6. **German Language and Literature, B.A./Court Administration, Graduate Certificate, Combined B.A. and Graduate Certificate, a new combined BA to Graduate Certificate program** for students pursuing a world language degree that want to pursue a career in Court Administration, Department of Modern Languages and Political Science, The College of Arts and Sciences (Matt Fails)
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- 1.3.11. **International Relations, B.A./Court Administration, Graduate Certificate, Combined B.A. and Graduate Certificate, a new combined BA to Graduate Certificate program** for students pursuing a International Relations degree that want to pursue a career in Court Administration, Department of Political Science, The College of Arts and Sciences (Matt Fails)
- 1.3.12. **International Relations, B.A./Criminal Justice Leadership, Graduate Certificate, Combined B.A. and Graduate Certificate, a new combined BA to Graduate Certificate program** for students pursuing a International Relations degree that want to pursue a career in Criminal Justice Leadership, Department of Political Science, The College of Arts and Sciences (Matt Fails)
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- pursue a career in Health Care Administration, Department of Political Science, The College of Arts and Sciences (Matt Fails)
- 1.3.14. **International Relations, B.A./Local Government Management, Graduate Certificate, Combined B.A. and Graduate Certificate, a new combined BA to Graduate Certificate program** for students pursuing a International Relations degree that want to pursue a career in Local Government Management, Department of Political Science, The College of Arts and Sciences (Matt Fails)
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 - 1.3.16. **Japanese Language and Literature, B.A./Court Administration, Graduate Certificate, Combined B.A. and Graduate Certificate, a new combined BA to Graduate Certificate program** for students pursuing a world language degree that want to pursue a career in Court Administration, Department of Modern Languages and Political Science, The College of Arts and Sciences (Matt Fails)
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 - 1.3.21. **Political Science, B.A./Court Administration, Graduate Certificate, Combined B.A. and Graduate Certificate, a new combined BA to Graduate Certificate program** for students pursuing a political science degree that want to pursue a career in Court Administration, Department of Political Science, The College of Arts and Sciences (Matt Fails)
 - 1.3.22. **Political Science, B.A./Criminal Justice Leadership, Graduate Certificate, Combined B.A. and Graduate Certificate, a new combined BA to Graduate Certificate program** for students pursuing a political science degree that want to pursue a career in Criminal Justice Leadership, Department of Political Science, The College of Arts and Sciences (Matt Fails)
 - 1.3.23. **Political Science, B.A./Health Care Administration, Graduate Certificate, Combined B.A. and Graduate Certificate, a new combined BA to Graduate Certificate program** for students pursuing a political science degree that want to pursue a career in Health Care Administration, Department of Political Science, The College of Arts and Sciences (Matt Fails)
 - 1.3.24. **Political Science, B.A./Local Government Management, Graduate Certificate, Combined B.A. and Graduate Certificate, a new combined BA to Graduate Certificate program** for students pursuing a political science degree that want to pursue a career in Local Government Management, Department of Political Science, The College of Arts and Sciences (Matt Fails)

- 1.3.25. **Political Science, B.A./Nonprofit Organization and Management, Graduate Certificate, Combined B.A. and Graduate Certificate, a new combined BA to Graduate Certificate program** for students pursuing a political science degree that want to pursue a career in Nonprofit Organization and Management, Department of Political Science, The College of Arts and Sciences (Matt Fails)
- 1.3.26. **Management Information Systems, Bachelor of Science / Information Technology Management, Master of Science, Combined B.S./M.S., combined degree program modification** to begin Fall 2025, to get undergraduate students invested in graduate education earlier and reducing the length and cost of the graduate program; Department of Decision and Information Sciences, School of Business Administration (Vijayan Sugumaran)
- 1.3.27. **English Language Arts for Educators, Bachelor of Arts / Master of Arts in Teaching Secondary Education, Combined B.A./M.A.T., combined degree program modification** to begin Fall 2025, to get undergraduate students invested in graduate education earlier and reducing the length and cost of the graduate program. The Graduate Council confirmed that these changes that impact the combined program were approved by GC in October 2024; Department of English, Creative Writing, and Film, College of Arts and Sciences and Department of Teaching and Learning, School of Education and Human Services (Beth Dawson-CAS, Anthony Francis-SEHS)
- 1.3.28. **Integrated Science, Bachelor of Arts / Master of Arts in Teaching Secondary Education, Combined B.A./M.A.T., combined degree program modification** to begin Fall 2025, to get undergraduate students invested in graduate education earlier and reducing the length and cost of the graduate program. The Graduate Council confirmed that these changes that impact the combined program were approved by GC in October 2024; Department of Physics, College of Arts and Sciences and Department of Teaching and Learning, School of Education and Human Services (Beth Dawson-CAS, Anthony Francis-SEHS)
- 1.3.29. **Mathematics for Educators, Bachelor of Arts / Master of Arts in Teaching Secondary Education, Combined B.A./M.A.T., combined degree program modification** to begin Fall 2025, to get undergraduate students invested in graduate education earlier and reducing the length and cost of the graduate program. The Graduate Council confirmed that these changes that impact the combined program were approved by GC in October 2024; Department of Mathematics and Statistics, College of Arts and Sciences and Department of Teaching and Learning, School of Education and Human Services (Beth Dawson-CAS, Anthony Francis-SEHS)
- 1.3.30. **Mathematics for Educators, Bachelor of Science / Master of Arts in Teaching Secondary Education, Combined B.S./M.A.T., combined degree program modification** to begin Fall 2025, to get undergraduate students invested in graduate education earlier and reducing the length and cost of the graduate program. The Graduate Council confirmed that these changes that impact the combined program were approved by GC in October 2024; Department of Mathematics and Statistics, College of Arts and Sciences and Department of Teaching and Learning, School of Education and Human Services (Beth Dawson-CAS, Anthony Francis-SEHS)
- 1.3.31. **Social Studies with History for Educators, Bachelor of Arts / Master of Arts in Teaching Secondary Education, Combined B.A./M.A.T., combined degree program modification** to begin Fall 2025, to get undergraduate students invested in graduate education earlier and reducing the length and cost of the graduate program. The Graduate Council confirmed that these changes that impact the combined program were approved by GC in October 2024; Department of History, College of Arts and Sciences and Department of Teaching and Learning, School of Education and Human Services (Beth Dawson-CAS, Anthony Francis-SEHS)
- 1.4. **Classroom Use & Academic Scheduling Committee Update** (Chris Goeth, Karen Miller)

- 1.5. **Academic Calendar Development Committee Update** (Tricia Westergaard, Mike Latcha)
- 1.6. **Senate Mental Health Committee Update** (Susan McCarty, Terry Dibble)
- 1.7. **Provost Updates**

2. Roll Call

Approval of [Minutes from March 20, 2025](#)

3. Old Business

- 3.1. **SUBSTANTIVE MOTION** from the Graduate Council to establish a new Master of Science (M.S.) in Smart Manufacturing to begin Fall 2025 to (1) create and sustain a program that will graduate students in the upcoming field of smart manufacturing, (2) harmonize the department and the school's research towards this critical new area of manufacturing, (3) create a pathway for research and development grants from the federal and state government, as well as local industry, (4) Increase the visibility of the department, school and the university, and (5) attract national and international students looking for knowledge in smart manufacturing areas and help with enrollment; Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Engineering and Computer Science. (Vijitashawa Pandey)

MOVED that the Senate approve the Graduate Council recommendation to establish a new Master of Science (M.S.) in Smart Manufacturing to begin Fall 2025.

Second Reading: Amendable, debatable and eligible for final vote at this meeting

Comment: M.S. in Smart Manufacturing Proposal
Graduate Council Approval
UAC Recommendation
SBRC Recommendation
SPRC Recommendation
University Library Report
Proforma
Letter of Support - Dean Louay Chamra

4. New Business

- 4.1. **PROCEDURAL MOTION** to staff faculty on Senate Standing Committees.

MOVED that the persons below be appointed to the committees designated:

Senate Ad Hoc Policy 482 Language Review Committee
Doug Wendell (CAS)
Doug Carr (CAS)
Robert Sidelinger (CAS)
Clark Ausloos (SEHS)
Sumi Dinda (SHS)
Laila Guessous (SECS)
Carolyn Tieppo (SON)
Tammy Grace (SBA)
Dwayne Baxa (SOM)
Shawn McCann (UL)

- 4.2. **SUBSTANTIVE MOTION** from the Senate University Library Committee to disband the University Library Committee. (Kate Rogeau)

MOVED to disband the Senate University Library Committee as presented.

First Reading: Amendable, debatable eligible and not eligible for final vote at this meeting

Comment: Rationale to disband the Senate University Library Committee

- 4.3. **SUBSTANTIVE MOTION** brought forward by the Graduate Council to revise the Dual Degree Graduate Programs Policy to remove a specific percentage of coursework overlap that is allowed, and instead requires the there is an explanation provided in the proposal for how the program learning outcomes for each of the degrees will be achieved through the course requirements to begin Summer 2025 (Brandy Randall)

MOVED to accept the revisions to the Dual Degree Graduate Programs Policy as outlined.

First Reading: Amendable, debatable eligible and not eligible for final vote at this meeting

Comment: Dual Degree Graduate Programs Policy Proposed Language

- 4.4. **SUBSTANTIVE MOTION** brought forward by The Committee on Academic Recovery and Success (CARS) proposing an updated University Dropping and Withdrawing from Classes policy that extends the deadline to withdraw from a class and earn a W grade through the final day of classes (i.e., last day before final exams). The updated policy, which was approved by both UCUI and Graduate Council, is a student-centered policy aimed at enhancing student persistence and retention and decreasing negative academic and financial aid consequences for students who experience academic or personal challenges during the semester. (Neil Baumgartner, Audra Slocum)

MOVED to accept the revisions to the University Dropping and Withdrawing from Classes Policy as outlined.

First Reading: Amendable, debatable eligible and not eligible for final vote at this meeting

Comment: University Dropping and Withdrawing from Classes Policy: Proposed Language and Current Language
UCUI Minutes (2-18-25, 3-4-25, 4-1-25)
Graduate Council Minutes (3-24-25)
Senate Presentation
Withdraw Policy Rationale and Questions Responses
History of OU Withdrawal and Repeat Course Policies
Draft memo - UGCC response to change in Withdraw Policy

- 4.5. **PROCEDURAL MOTION** to approve and conduct a fully virtual University Senate Meeting on May 15, 2025 for the purpose of concluding unfinished business from this April 17, 2025 meeting and items on the attached agenda.

Comment: [Proposed May 15, 2025 agenda](#)

5. Good and Welfare

Adjourn