

Oakland University Senate Agenda

Meeting Details

October 16, 2025

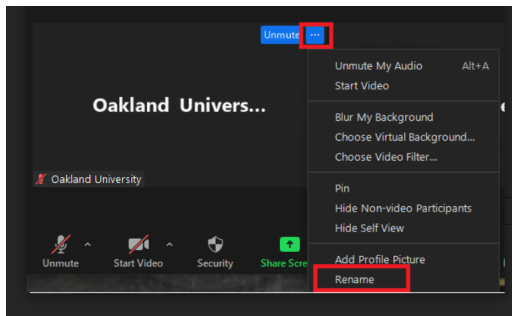
Meeting Time: 3:10 pm

Hyflex: Oakland Center - Banquet Room B or [ZOOM Registration Link](#)

[Meeting Materials and Documents](#)

Voting

- Only elected [senators](#) for the 2025-2027 term may vote
- Vote Yes (1) or No (2)
- If you wish to Abstain, simply do not vote
- If you are attending remotely, please rename yourself for voting purposes. To rename yourself-- hover over individual icon (2) click the 3 horizontal dots (3) click “rename” and rename yourself using SEN and first and last name (ie: SENKevinBall, SENKarenMiller)



- If senators leave the meeting, or join late, they are required to indicate *via* the Zoom chat for the minutes. Your departure or arrival may affect having a quorum that is necessary for a vote.
- If attending virtually and have a question or comment, please raise your virtual hand and turn on your camera.
- If attending virtually please have your camera turned on especially if you are speaking.

1. Informational Items

1.1. Graduate School Curriculum Submissions

None

1.2. Undergraduate Curriculum Submissions

- 1.2.1. **Biomedical Sciences, B.S., Specialization in Anatomy** will be replaced with the Biomedical Sciences, B.S., Concentration in Anatomy to align with the university moving from specializations to concentrations; Department of Biological Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences (Gerard Madlambayan)
- 1.2.2. **Sociology/Anthropology, B.A., discontinue the combined majors**, they do not provide students with sufficient depth, and hampers students' potential to successfully utilize and apply the skills that would otherwise be achieved through a more comprehensive curriculum. Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work and Criminal Justice, College of Arts and Sciences (Jo Reger)
- 1.2.3. **Sociology/Anthropology - Detroit Mercy Law School, Michigan State University Law School and Wayne State University Law School 3 + 3 Programs, discontinue the combined**

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- 1.2.4. **LGBTQ Studies Minor, modification** to reduce the number of credits in the minor from 20 to 16, Department of Women and Gender Studies, College of Arts and Sciences (Ami Harbin)
 - 1.2.5. **Anthropology Minor, modification** to reduce the number of credits in the minor from 20 to 16, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work and Criminal Justice, College of Arts and Sciences (Jo Reger)
 - 1.2.6. **Applied Geographic Information Science (GIScience) Minor, modification** to reduce the number of credits in the minor from 20 to 16, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work and Criminal Justice, College of Arts and Sciences (Jo Reger)
 - 1.2.7. **Archeology Minor, modification** to reduce the number of credits in the minor from 20 to 16, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work and Criminal Justice, College of Arts and Sciences (Jo Reger)
 - 1.2.8. **Astronomy Minor, modification** to reduce the number of credits required to achieve the minor and removing the emphasis on prerequisite Physics course, Department of Physics, College of Arts and Sciences (Andrei Slavin)
 - 1.2.9. **Christianity Studies Minor, modification** to reduce the number of credits in the minor from 20 to 16, Department of Religious Studies Program, College of Arts and Sciences (Henri Gooren)
 - 1.2.10. **Islamic Studies Minor, modification** to reduce the number of credits in the minor from 20 to 16, Department of Religious Studies Program, College of Arts and Sciences (Henri Gooren)
 - 1.2.11. **Judaic Studies Minor, modification** to reduce the number of credits in the minor from 20 to 16, Department of Religious Studies Program, College of Arts and Sciences (Henri Gooren)
 - 1.2.12. **Sociology Minor, modification** to reduce the number of credits in the minor from 20 to 16, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work and Criminal Justice, College of Arts and Sciences (Jo Reger)
 - 1.2.13. **Geology Minor, modification** to reduce the number of credits required by substituting courses and removing the emphasis on prerequisite Physics course, Department of Physics, College of Arts and Sciences (Andrei Slavin)
 - 1.2.14. **Certificate in Media Literacy, new 12-credit Undergraduate Certificate** in Media Literacy from existing Journalism courses; Department of Communication, Journalism and Public Relations, College of Arts and Sciences (Kathleen Battles)
 - 1.2.15. **Certificate in Media Writing, new 12-credit Undergraduate Certificate** in Media Writing from existing Journalism courses; Department of Communication, Journalism and Public Relations, College of Arts and Sciences (Kathleen Battles)
 - 1.2.16. **Music Technology Minor, discontinue minor**, due to adding music major dependent concentrations, Department of Music, School of Music, Theatre and Dance, College of Arts and Sciences (Melissa Hoag, Elisabeth Hoegberg)
 - 1.2.17. **Music Theory Minor, discontinue minor**, due to adding music major dependent concentrations, Department of Music, School of Music, Theatre and Dance, College of Arts and Sciences (Melissa Hoag, Elisabeth Hoegberg)
 - 1.2.18. **Women and Gender Studies Minor, modification** to reduce the number of credits in the minor from 20 to 16, Department of Women and Gender Studies Program, College of Arts and Science (Ami Harbin)
- 1.3. Combined Graduate School and Undergraduate Curriculum Submissions
None
 - 1.4. Update the Senate Committee (Co)Chairs for the Senate Record - Amy Banes-Berceli
 - Academic Computing Committee
 - Yaman Roumani (SBA) Co-Chair
 - Qunfeng Liao (SBA) Co-Chair
 - Classroom Use & Academic Scheduling Committee
 - Chris Goeth (Co-Chair)
 - To Be Appointed (Co-Chair)
 - Faculty Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee
 - George Sanders (CAS)
 - Service Learning Committee
 - To Be Appointed (committee has meeting scheduled)

Teaching & Learning Committee

Hanna Kalmanovich-Cohen (SBA) Co-Chair

Subha Bhaskaran (CAS) Co-Chair

- 1.5. Senate General Education Revision Ad Hoc Committee Update - Laila Guessous, Maria Paino, Kathy Battles
- 1.6. Senate Ad Hoc Policy 482 Language Review Committee Update - Amy Banes-Berceli
- 1.7. ADA Title II Team - John Young, Kristin Landis-Piwowar (introduction), Diane Underwood, Shaun Moore, Todd Nucci
- 1.8. Provost Updates

Book Adoptions Due: October 25, 2025

[eCampus Link](#)

2. Approval of [Minutes from September 18, 2025](#)

3. Unfinished Business

- 3.1. **SUBSTANTIVE MOTION** from the Senate Intercollegiate Athletics Committee to change the membership of the committee to better support the student-athlete experience at Oakland University. (Melissa McDonald)

MOVED to change the membership of the Senate Intercollegiate Athletics Committee as presented.

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

Comment: Request to the Senate Steering Committee

Proposed Changes to the Senate Intercollegiate Athletics Committee

- 3.2. **SUBSTANTIVE MOTION** from the University Senate Steering Committee to create a new Artificial Intelligence (AI) Senate Committee to provide collaboration involving faculty and administration to provide an opportunity for Oakland University to coordinate a centralized resource in response to this evolving technology for the campus community. (Fritz McDonald)

MOVED that the Senate approve creating the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Senate Committee as presented in the updated, attached proposal.

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

Comment: University Senate materials for November 21, 2024 meeting (First Reading)

University Senate materials for December 12, 2024 meeting (Second Reading)

Updated materials for October 16, 2025 meeting (Third Reading)

4. New Business

- 4.1. **Procedural Motion** to staff Senate Standing Committees: Updates and Changes to previous year.

MOVED that the persons below be appointed to the designated committees for the indicated terms:

Experiential Learning Committee

Carrie Symons (SEHS) 2025-2-2028

General Education Assessment Committee

Lan Jiang (CAS) 2023-2026 to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term

Amanpreet Kaur (SECS) 2023-2026 to replace Richard Olawoyin (SECS)

General Education Committee

Amber Bismack (SEHS) 2024-2027 to replace Lauren Childs (SEHS)

Senate Planning Review Committee

Lori Burrington (CAS) for Roger LaRocca (CAS) Fall 2025 Sabbatical Leave

University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction

Scott Crabill (CAS) Winter 2026 for Amy Harbin (CAS) Winter 2026 Sabbatical Leave

University Research Committee

Hanan Abusbaitan (SON) 2025-2028 to replace Sarah Newton (SON)

- 4.2. **SUBSTANTIVE MOTION** from the Campus Development and Environment Committee (CDEC) to change the membership of the committee; due to the creation of the Oakland University Student Congress (OUSC) Director of Sustainability, the CDEC would like to change one of the four student appointments from Oakland University Student Congress (OUSC) to an Ex-Officio member as the OUSC Director of Sustainability. (Amy Banes-Berceli)

MOVED to change the membership of the Campus Development and Environment Committee (CDEC) to appoint one of the Oakland University Student Congress (OUSC) student appointments as an Ex-Officio member identified as OUSC Director of Sustainability as presented.

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

Comment: CDEC Rationale and updated committee membership

- 4.3. **SUBSTANTIVE MOTION** from the University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction (UCUI) to change the Undergraduate Residency Requirement Policy in the Undergraduate Catalog to reduce the undergraduate residency requirement from 45 credits to 30 credits in order to better align with the Michigan public institutions and to better support our students' academic progress. (Kristin Landis-Piwowar)

MOVED to reduce the undergraduate residency requirement from 45 credits to 30 credits as outlined.

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

Comment: UCUI Rationale to reduce credits from 45 to 30 credits

UCUI minutes (September 19, 2025)

- 4.4. **SUBSTANTIVE MOTION** from the University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction (UCUI) to change the charge specific to faculty appointments; of the appointed faculty members, the University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction (UCUI) will appoint a faculty co-chair, for the term of one year. (Kristin Landis-Piwowar)

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

Comment: Historical Documentation from 2022

UCUI Minutes (September 30, 2025)

Rationale and proposed UCUI Membership Change

5. Good and Welfare

Adjourn