

MINUTES
Oakland University Senate
January 20, 2022
Zoom Meeting 3:10 P.M.

Members present: *Aloi, Al-Shabraway, Ball, Barclay, Barry, Berven, D., Berven, K., Blumer-Schuttee, Boruff-Jones, Carey, Chamra, Clark, Cortes, Craig, Debnath, Didion, Edrisinha, Eis, ElSayed, Fouladbakhsh, Goble, Graves, Guessous, Hansen, Hartmus, Knox, Kobus, Kondratek, Latcha, Law-Sullivan, Leibert, Lerchenfeldt, Lewis, Long, Meyers, Mezwa, Miller, K., Miller, J.A., Mitton, Nichols Hess, Ostergaard, Parkash, Poly-Droulard, Rawashdeh, Reger, Rios-Ellis, Roumani, Rutledge, Southward, Tiegs, Tracy, Wadsworth, Wendell*

Members absent: *Gierman, Harris, Mazzeo, McMillon Merchant, Naus, Rivard, Zhu*

Provost Brios-Ellis called the meeting to order at 3:10 P.M. She alerted Senators that because she was presently at a conference and could not stay for the entire meeting, Associate Provost Banes-Berceli would replace her and preside starting at 4:00.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Provost's Updates

Proposal to approve the addition of a 100% online delivery option of the PhD in Human Movement Science; Department of Human Movement Science, School of Health Sciences

Modification to the MS in Safety Management to add two concentrations; Department of Public and Environmental Wellness, School of Health Sciences

Modification of ZZULI (Zhengzhou University of Light Industry, China) and Oakland University Joint Institute Off-Campus Sites; Departments of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, School of Engineering and Computer Science

Modification to the Relational Communication Minor; Department of Communication, Journalism and Public Relations (College of Arts and Sciences)

Faculty Support Provided by e-Learning Services

Campus Survey Committee Presentation

Update to the Committee Chairs for the Senate Record

NEW BUSINESS

Motion from UCUI to amend their committee charge

Motion from SHS to implement the proposed new undergraduate degree in Interdisciplinary Health Care Studies

A. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Provost updates: Provost Brios-Ellis reminded Senators that in-person classes would be resumed starting February 1. She said that that Dean of Students has been working hard to make sure all students in in-person classes have complied with the vaccine mandate or have a legitimate exemption. She noted that students with legitimate exemptions have to be tested weekly, and she said that the university will be following up to make sure they are doing so. She reminded Senators that COVID testing kits are free and can now be ordered from the US government. Regarding the status of masks on campus, she said that faculty can request the KN95 masks and get up to 10, and added that students can also get masks in the food pantry and other locations.
- She said that OU continues to have space issues and efforts continue to address this problem. She provided an update on construction projects, indicating that Wilson Hall is on target to be opened on April 4 for the new offices, the Wilson Hall testing center is planned to be open in Fall 2022, the South Foundation Hall demolition is planned to begin in February, and Varner Hall is also on track to be ready on schedule.
- Proposal for a 100% delivery option of the PhD in Human Movement Science in the Dept of Human Movement Science in SHS: Deb Doherty was present to explain that until now, this has been a hybrid program but it will be moved to 100% online. She noted that it has become a global program with international students which is an advantage of being 100% online.

- Modification to the MS in Safety Management to add two concentrations as listed above: Tom Schenk was present to explain that there will now be two concentrations: one in management as before and now the technical concentration designed for students without safety-related degrees or work experience to prepare them for entry-level safety positions. He explained that the management concentration is designed for people who do already have a safety-related degree or work experience. He said there will be no extra cost. He said they expect increased enrollments because there is a high demand for health and safety related professions and therefore there is a real incentive with jobs that have good salaries. He stated that this is a joint program with SBA, and has been ranked 12th in the USA, at which point Senators hit the buttons for their Zoom hand clapping to express kudos for this accomplishment.
- Modification of the ZZULI and OU Joint Institute Off-Campus Sites: Gary Barber was present to say that the 2+2 option is still there, but now there is a new option to go to ZZULI with the intent to open a joint institute in mechanical and electrical engineering and computer science. He said the Institute will be located in Zhengzhou which is a very large city. He noted that ZZULI is ranked in the top 25% of universities in Henan province. He stated that the benefits include international visibility, additional enrollments and resources, with their recruitment base in China which he observed is also an ideal location for OU students to study abroad.
- Modification to the Relational Communication minor: Kathy Battles was present to explain that the revision was being done to make this minor consistent with the other minors in the department, so that now students will take 5 courses rather than 22 credits.
- Faculty Support provided by e-Learning services: Shaun Moore was present to update Senators on previously existing as well as new services provided by e-Learning. He gave the example of program development and instructional design for which they have a program to help faculty members know what is the demand for a related job. He noted also that there is an extensive Help library on their website and encouraged faculty members to check it out.
- Campus Survey Committee: Jim Van Loon was present to explain that the purpose of this committee was to try to avoid survey fatigue by making an effort to stagger surveys and therefore it is hoped there will be better

response rates. In addition, he said efforts will be made to try to avoid over-lapping surveys, or repetitions.

- Update to the Committee Chairs for the Senate Record: Associate Provost Banes-Berceli said that for the record, Anyi Liu (SECS) is replacing Julian Rrushi as a committee member but not as a chair of the committee (2020-2023).

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of November 18, 2021.

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

C. OLD BUSINESS

None

D. NEW BUSINESS

D1. Motion from the Undergraduate Committee on Undergraduate Instruction to amend their committee charge to include a non-voting member from Student Business Services, Financial Aid Office effective March 2022

***MOVED** that the Senate approve the amendment of the committee charge to include a non-voting member from Student Business Services, Financial Aid Office effective March 2022 to the Undergraduate Committee on Undergraduate Instruction (Guessous, Mitton)*

Kristin Landis Piwovar was present to explain that the committee believes it would be helpful to include someone from Financial Aid on UCUI because their business often involves matters that would affect financial aid for students. Mr. Latch asked if this position would be appointed or part of the person's job in Financial Aid, to which Ms. Piwovar stated that the person would be non-voting and appointed.

D2. Motion from The School of Health Sciences to implement the proposed new undergraduate degree, Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Healthcare Studies, Department of Interdisciplinary Health Sciences, School of Health Sciences effective Fall 2023

MOVED that the Senate recommend to the President and the Board of Trustees a new undergraduate degree, Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Healthcare Studies, Department of Interdisciplinary Health Sciences, School of Health Sciences effective Fall 2023 at Oakland University (Eis, Rutledge)

Christina Papadimitriou was present to explain that this new degree will offer a non-clinical degree option for people who don't want to be direct care providers or clinicians. She said it fills a gap in their SHS programs because SHS doesn't presently have a non-clinical option. She said the new degree will also help to retain students and offer a new career path with a new vision which will offer diverse employment opportunities. She noted that the focus will be for students to understand health care as a complex system, which is why there will be a cross-disciplinary approach. She expressed her appreciation for the other departments in other Schools who had provided input and participated in the creation of this degree.

E. GOOD AND WELFARE

Mr. Wendell asked when OU Advance would be coming to the Senate. Ms. Banes- Berceli replied that the program is moving forward, and that there will be more listening sessions soon, and meetings with many constituencies, then focus groups, and also working groups. She said that after that, they will report back to the Senate, and hopefully by the February Senate meeting. Ms. Miller suggested that one of the focus groups should be with the AAUP.

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Dikka Berven (Senate secretary)

