

Senate minutes

December 15, 2022 on Zoom

Members present: Aloï, Al-Shabraway, Arnold, Ball, Barclay, Barry, Berven, D., BlumerOSchuttee, Carey, Chamra, Clark, Cortes, Craig, Debnath, Edrisinha, Eis, Farooqi, Goble, Guessous, Hartmus, Knox, Kobus, Kondratek, Kridlii, Latcha, Lerchenfeldt, Lewis, Leibert, Margerum-Leys, McMillon, Meyers,, Miller, Mitton, Naus, Ostergaard, parkash, Poly-Droulard, awashdeh, Rios-Ellis, Rivard, Ridroquez, Romano, Roumani, Rutledge, Shesko, , Tilashalski, Wadsworth, Wells, Wendell

Members absent: Berven, K., Boruff-Jones, ElSayed, Fouladbakhsh, Hansen, Hay, Landolt, Law-Sullivan, Long, Merchant, Mezwa, Pierce, Sifonis, Tolbert, Tracy, Zhu

Summary of Information and Action Items

1. INFORMATION ITEMS

Graduate School Program Modifications to change the number of core courses

- 1.1 Human Movement Science, PhD; Dept. of Human Movement Science, SHS
- 1.2 Clinical Exercise Science, Graduate Certificate; Dept. of Human Movement Sciences, SHS
- 1.3 Corporate and Worksite Wellness, Graduate Certificate; Dept. of Human Movement Science, SHS

Undergraduate Program Submissions

- 1.4 Artificial Intelligence, Minor proposal, Dept. of Computer Science & Engineering, SECS
- 1.5 Computer Science, B.S., Specialization in Artificial Intelligence, Dept. of Computer Science & Engineering, SECS
- 1.6 Information Technology, B.S., Specialization in System Administration, Dept. of Computer Science & Engineering, SECS
- 1.7 Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences, B.S. Specialization in Pre-Physician Assistant, Dept. of Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences, SHS
- 1.8 Communication B.A. and Journalism, B.A., Rubric Change, Dept. of Communication and Journalism, CAS
- 1.9 Applied Health Sciences, B.S. Specialization, Orthotics and Prosthetics Assistant Studies, Dept. of Public and Environmental Wellness, SHS
- 1.10 Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences, B.S. Specialization in Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Department of Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences, SHS
- 1.11 Clinical and Diagnostic Studies, B.S., Radiologic Technology Modification Proposal
- 1.12 Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies (BALS); Proposal to end the program, CAS
- 1.13 Japanese Language and Civilization Minor; proposal to end the minor, Dept. of Modern Language and Literatures, CAS
- 1.14 Japanese Language and Literature Minor; proposal to end the minor, Dept. of Modern Language and Literatures, CAS

- 1.15 AP African American Studies will be awarded a course code of TRC 1XXX with a score of 3 or higher because this is a new course recognized by College Board
- 1.16 Faculty DEI Committee Report
- 1.17 UAC Committee Report
- 1.18 Community Engagement Committee Definitions
- 1.19 Affordable Course Material Initiative (ACMI)
- 1.20 Provost's Updates

2. ACTION ITEMS

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2.1 Procedural motion to staff Senate Standing Committees
- 2.2 Motion from the University Senate Community Engagement Committee to change its charge
- 2.3 Motion from the Senate University Research Committee to change its charge
- 2.4 Motion from the SECS to approve a new program in Cybersecurity B.S. to begin Fall 2023
- 2.5 Motion from the University Library to approve changes to the Constitution of the Library
- 2.6 Motion from the SHS to approve a new M.S. in Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences
- 2.7 Motion from UCUI to adopt a new policy to define an Undergraduate Major
- 2.8 Motion from UCUI to adopt a new policy to define an Undergraduate Major with Specialization
- 2.9 Motion from UCUI to adopt a new policy to define an Undergraduate Minor
- 2.10 Motion approved from the Graduate Council to revise the Graduate Commencement Participation Policy

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 P.M. by Provost Rios-Ellis.

A. Information items:

1.1-1.15: There were no questions on the 15 **Information items 1.1-1.15** listed above for which complete descriptions and explanatory documents can be found on the Senate website.

1.16 Faculty DEI Committee Report: Joanne Lipson Freed was present to explain that there are ongoing projects and initiatives for the DEI Strategic Plan for performance measurement and continued dissemination of an RPT audit tool. She said the committee is planning for future workshops.

1.17 UAC Report: Austin Murphy was present to notify Senators that there are ways to gather information about OU alumni of which Senators may be unaware—information such as current email addresses of alumni which can facilitate the possibility of customized surveys and engagement with alumni—which can be obtained through the Alumni Office. He also said that faculty can get information about alumni through the Alumni Magazine, to use for assessment and other purposes. In addition, he said that Career Services has information about salaries and jobs that is useful for recruitment and retention. He added that the UAC would like to see administrative support for incentives for alumni to respond to surveys, and he [proposed such incentives as offering free ballgame tickets, free OU caps, custom OU car stickers, and the like.

1.18 Community Engagement Committee Definitions: David Dulio reminded Senators that the CEC is a new committee that just started this semester. He said that the first thing they have been working on is a common definition of community engagement which he said their committee had observed is lacking. He said they felt this was necessary as a starting point for the activities of their committee.

1.19 Affordable Course Materials Initiative (ACMI): Julia Rodriguez presented data and documentation about the advantages and importance to students for faculty to choose affordable course materials. Ms. Farooqi agreed that this is important, noting that the cost of materials is the main concern of students, and she asked if the administration can do anything to help. Provost Rios-Ellis said she supports the work of the ACMI, and she encouraged faculty members to look for alternatives to expensive textbooks.

1.20 Provost's Updates:

- Provost Rios-Ellis encouraged those attending commencement ceremonies to wear a mask.
- She updated senators on the draft agreements that OU now has with Mexican universities. She noted that Mexicans and Canadians can go to American universities for the same cost as Americans.

B. Approval of the Minutes of November 17, 2022

The minutes of the meeting of November 17, 2022 were approved.

C. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 Procedural Motion to staff Senate Standing Committees

MOVED that persons listed be appointed to the committees designated:

Faculty Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee

Michael Greiner (SBA) for Man Jin (SBA) who will be on Sabbatical for Winter 2023

Senate Elections Committee

Tamas Horvath (CAS) to replace Amanda Hess (UL) due to her term ending

The motion passed 41 yes, 1 no.

2.2 Motion from the University Senate Community Engagement Committee to change its charge

MOVED that the Senate approve the proposed changes to the charge for the Community Engagement Committee (Naus, McMillon)

David Dulio explained that the Community Engagement Committee wants to broaden their charge. In response to a question from a Senator, he provided assurance that OIRA, not the committee, will collect data to be used by the committee.

2.3 Motion from the Senate University Research Committee to change its charge

MOVED that the Senate approve the proposed changes to the charge for the University Research Committee (Guessous, Rutledge)

Associate Provost Banes-Berceli explained that with this change, the term for faculty committee appointment will go from 2 to 3 years because this committee needs more stability to do its work of reviewing grant proposals.

2.4 Motion from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering in the SECS to approve a new program proposal in Cybersecurity B.S. to begin Fall 2023

MOVED that the Senate approve the new program proposal in Cybersecurity B.X. to begin Fall 2023 (Meyers, Poly-Droulard)

Mr. Kessantini was present to explain that there is a shortage in cybersecurity, especially in Michigan where there is a high percentage of industry and where cybersecurity is very important. He stated that the starting salary for this line of work is \$90,000 per year. He noted that there is already an OU graduate program in cybersecurity, but his department would now like to have an undergraduate program as well.

2.5 Motion for the Senate to approve the changes to the Constitution of the University Library submitted by the University Library

MOVED that the Senate approve the proposed changes to the constitution of the University Library (Eis, Meyers)

Mr. Van Loon notified Senators that the proposed changes to the Library Constitution have been approved by the Library Assembly. He said the changes will clarify in the document what is meant by 'Library faculty' in order to make the language consistent throughout the document.

2.6 Motion from the Department of Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences, SHS, to approve a new program for an M.S. in Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences that will allow three tracks

MOVED that the Senate approve the new program proposal for a Master's of Science in Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences that will allow three tracks (1) M.S. in Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences [Non-Thesis], (2) M.S. in Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences with professional Development concentration, and (3) Master of Science in Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences Combined Bachelor of Science + Master of Science in Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences; Dept. of Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences, SHS (Rivard, Craig)

2.7 Motion from UCUI to adopt a new policy to define an Undergraduate Major (KLP)

MOVED that the Senate approve the policy presented by Undergraduate Committee on Undergraduate Instruction to adopt a new policy to define an Undergraduate Major (Meyers, Guessous)

Ms. Landis-Piwowar was present to explain that the reason for this definition is that there is presently no definition in the catalog for 'undergraduate major'.

2.8 Motion from UCUI to adopt a new policy to define an Undergraduate Major with Specialization

MOVED that the Senate approve the policy presented by Undergraduate Committee on Undergraduate Instruction to adopt a new policy to define an Undergraduate Major with Specialization (Eis, Rutledge)

Ms. Landis-Piwowar explained as with the previous motion, that there was also no definition of an 'undergraduate major with specialization'.

2.9 Motion from UCUI to adopt a new policy to define an Undergraduate Minor

MOVED that the Senate approve the policy presented by Undergraduate Committee on Undergraduate Instruction to adopt a new policy to define an Undergraduate Minor

Ms. Landis-Piwowar further explained that as with the previous two motions, there has previously not been a definition in the catalog for an 'undergraduate minor'. Dean Ball expressed his appreciation for these definition which he said were definitely needed.

2.10 Motion from the Graduate Council to revise the Graduate Commencement Participation Policy that would allow Graduate students who finish all degree requirements in the summer to be eligible to participate in either the April or December commencement ceremony.

MOVED that the Senate approve the policy presented by the Graduate Council to revise the Graduate Commencement Participation Policy that would allow Graduate students who finish all degree requirements in the summer to be eligible to participate in either the April or December commencement ceremony (Mitton, Craig)

The motion was made to move to second reading (Rawadesh, Kridlii). The motion was approved. (33 yes, 1 no)

The original motion to revise the Graduate commencement participation policy was then approved. (31 yes, 4 no)

D. GOOD AND WELFARE

Provost Rios-Ellis expressed her observation that students are excited to be back on campus and taking class in the in-person setting. She also drew Senators' attention to the holiday message that was posted on the OU home page which was done in a variety of languages, and she thanked the people who had helped to get the message into those languages. She wished everyone a well-deserved holiday break.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Dikka Berven (Senator and Senate secretary)