

Senate Minutes

January 18, 2024

Members present: *Al-Shabraway, Aloj, Arnold, Ball, Barry, Battles, Baxa, Boruff-Jones, Carver, Chamra, Daniel, Demsky, Dinda, Edrisinha, Eis, Eldredge, Eskander, Farooqi, Ferguson, Gemechu, Glover, Goble, Guessous, Hansen, Hartmus, Hay, Insko, Kiefer, Kies, Knox, Kobus, Latcha, Ligocki, Margerum-Leys, Carpenter, Miller, Mitton, Naus, Olawoyin, Pierce, Qian, Rawashdeh, Rutledge, Shesko, Stanton, Tiegs, Tilashalski, Trivedi, Wadsworth, Wasserman, Hosch, Wenz, Williams, Zhu*

Members absent: *Carey, Carpenter, Coleman, Craig, Golinski, Kondratek, Landolt, Merchant, Ostergaard, Reger, Rios-Ellis*

The hybrid meeting was called to order at 3:10 P.M. by Associate Provost Banes-Berceli.

SUMMARY of INFORMATION and ACTION ITEMS

1. Informational Items

1.1. Graduate Program Submissions

1.1.1. **Graduate Certificate in Industrial Hygiene, New Certificate Program** is an interdisciplinary graduate certificate program that will help health and safety professionals to anticipate, identify, evaluate, and manage occupational health hazards; Department of Public and Environmental Wellness, School of Health Sciences

1.1.2. **Graduate Certificate in Human Factors and Ergonomics, New Certificate Program** is an interdisciplinary graduate certificate program that will provide health and safety experts with the skills to design and analyze the work space, hand tools, controls, and products, as well as to consider the sensory and cognitive limitations of the human body when designing and analyzing products and systems to mitigate risks in the work environment; Department of Public and Environmental Wellness, School of Health Sciences

1.1.3. **Graduate Certificate in Environmental Protection, New Certificate Program** is an interdisciplinary graduate certificate program that provides technical skills and competencies for Environmental Health and Safety professionals to manage Environmental Protection Programs confidently and effectively. An environmental management program, in particular, is used to reduce a company's environmental impacts, ensure compliance with environmental regulations, and improve environmental performance; Department of Public and Environmental Wellness, School of Health Sciences

1.2. Undergraduate Program Submissions

1.2.1. **Recreation Leadership Minor, new minor** for the purpose of teaching students about recreational leaders; Department of Public and Environmental Wellness, School of Health Sciences (Caress Dean and Kate Rougeau)

1.2.2. Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences, B.S., Specialization in Pre-Physician Assistant, program modification to move some required courses from core to electives off-setting credits by increasing the number of required elective credits; Department of Clinical and Diagnostic

Sciences, School of Health Sciences (Sumit Dinda)

1.2.3. Electrical Engineering, B.S.E., Concentration Power and Energy Systems, new concentration due to the need for skilled power

engineers to address the challenges associated with renewable energies, electric vehicles, etc. over the next five years; Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, School of Engineering and Computer Science (Brian Dean)

1.2.4. Electrical Engineering, B.S.E, Concentration in Automotive Electrification, new concentration to address electrification which is in high demand in SE Michigan; Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, School of Engineering and Computer Science (Brian Dean)

1.2.5. Electrical Engineering, B.S.E, Concentration in Mechatronics, new concentration within BSE in Electrical Engineering Degree because automotive mechatronics is in high demand in SE Michigan and many of our graduates work in this area; Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, School of Engineering and Computer Science (Brian Dean)

1.2.6. Electrical Engineering, B.S.E, Concentration in Microelectronics, new concentration to prepare future engineers to work in semiconductor and other electronic industry; Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, School of Engineering and Computer Science (Brian Dean)

1.2.7. Electrical Engineering, B.S.E. Concentration in Robotics, new concentration to enhance the already strong offerings in the area of robotics at OU; Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, School of Engineering and Computer Science (Brian Dean)

1.2.8. School of Business Administration Program (13) modification proposals to drop MTH 1222/1544 (the calculus requirement) from the precore requirements, which will reduce the minimum number of credits to 120 for thirteen (13) programs as follows: (Rajeev Singhal-virtual formal presentation)

(1) Business Administration, Accounting, B.S., Department of Accounting and Finance, School of Business Administration

(2) Business Administration, Finance, B.S., Department of Accounting and Finance, School of Business Administration

(3) Business Administration, Finance, B.S., Specialization in Wealth Management, Department of Accounting and Finance, School of Business Administration

(4) Business Administration, General Management, B.S., Department of Management and Marketing, School of Business Administration

(5) Business Administration, Human Resource Management, B.S., Department of Management and Marketing, School of Business Administration

(6) Business Administration, Marketing, B.S., Department of Management and Marketing, School of Business Administration

(7) Business Administration, Management Information Systems, B.S., Department of Decision and Information Sciences, School of Business Administration

(8) Business Administration, Management Information Systems, Specialization in Business Analytics, B.S., Department of Decision and Information Sciences, School of Business Administration

(9) Business Administration, Management Information Systems, Specialization in Information Security Management, B.S., Department of Decision and Information Sciences, School of Business Administration

(10) Business Administration, Operations Management, B.S., Department of Decision and Information Sciences, School of Business Administration (11) Business Administration, Operations Management, B.S., Specialization in Lean and Quality Management, Department of Decision and Information Sciences, School of Business Administration

(12) Business Administration, Operations Management, B.S. Specialization in Supply Chain Management, Department of Decision and Information Sciences, School of Business Administration

(13) Business Administration, Operations Management, B.S., Specialization in Project Management, Department of Decision and Information Sciences, School of Business Administration

1.3. General Education Committee -Catalog Update for Language and Culture Waiver for International Students

It is currently practice to waive the requirement for international students when there is a TOEFL, MELAB, or IELTS score, or ESL courses, but this is not published. Advisers have requested adding the Duolingo score to the waiver practice, which the committee approves. Updating the catalog with all of these conditions will make the existing practice transparent.

1.4. OU Advance Phase 2 Report - no presentation

1.5. AFFORDABLE COURSE MATERIALS INITIATIVE (ACMI)

1.6. Provost's Updates

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 Procedural motion approved to staff Senate Committees

A. INFORMATION ITEMS

Associate Provost Banes-Berceli provided the opportunity for Senators to ask questions or comment on Information Items 1.1-1.4 above. There were none.

Mr. Singhal was present to explain the reasoning behind the SBA modification proposal to reduce the number of math credits. He stated that the SBA was losing students because of MTH 1222 and MTH 1554. He noted that there are only two other public universities in Michigan that have a calculus requirement for their students, and thus after discussion in his department, it was decided that since students do not use calculus, they do not need the requirement.

Ms Rodriguez was present to update Senators on the Affordable Course Materials Initiative. She observed that the ACMI has been working together for five years. The Task Force started in 2017 and was originally funded by generous donors. Since then, the committee has been provided university resources to fund proposals for faculty to develop OER or switch their textbooks to affordable/low-cost or zero cost to students.

She reminded Senators that low cost means \$50 or less for the required textbooks for a course. She stated that so far, course conversion stipends have resulted in 18 courses that have been converted, and from a \$16,650 investment the results have saved students \$119, 214. She reminded Senators that it is through the Registrar that courses are listed as low or no-cost. She directed Senators to the ACMI website for further information.

The link to banner for designating courses is:

<http://oakland.libguides.com/ACMI/lownocostmarkings>

Provost's Updates: Associate Provost Banes-Berceli announced that Oakland University has been awarded the Carnegie Community Engagement designated until the year 2032. She thanked everyone who had participated in making this happen.

B. NEW BUSINESS

2.1. Procedural Motion to staff Senate Standing Committees: Updates and Changes

MOVED that the persons listed be appointed to the committees or positions designated. (Hay, Rutledge)

General Education Assessment Committee

Greg Bartley (SEHS) for Cynthia Carver (SEHS) Winter 2024 Sabbatical Leave

General Education Program Revision Ad Hoc Committee

Patti Bills (SEHS) for Cynthia Carver (SEHS) for Winter 2024 Sabbatical Leave

The motion was approved (42 yes, 0 no).

C. GOOD AND WELFARE

Ms. Randall encouraged Senators to remind graduate students about the 3-minute thesis competition for which there are great prizes. Registration closes on January 23. She said that nominations are being taken for the new Don and Jan O-Dowd award for which eligibility requirements can be found on the website. She added that on March 7 from 5:30-7:30, Rachel Gross would be a guest speaker on 'Anatomy, Medicine and Female marginality'.

Mr. Ball announced that on Thursday, March 14, there will be a Healthology Symposium from 2:30-8:30. The topic will be 'Healthy Diversity', and Kirsty Ennis will be the keynote speaker at 7:00.

D. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Dikka Berven (Senate Secretary)