

# Oakland University Senate Agenda

## Meeting Details

May 18, 2023

Meeting Time: 3:10 pm

Meeting Location: VIRTUAL ONLY Please join via [ZOOM](#) registration link

## Meeting Materials and Documents

Only elected senators may vote. If senators leave the meeting, they are required to indicate *via* the Zoom chat for the minutes. Your departure may affect having a quorum that is necessary for a vote.

## Agenda

### 1. Informational Items

1.1. Graduate School Submissions

1.2. Undergraduate Program Submissions

1.3. Combined Graduate School and Undergraduate Submissions

1.3.1. Proposal for a new English Language Arts for Educators, B.A. and Teaching in Secondary Education, M.A. Combined B.A./M.A.T.S.E. program to reflect the new State of Michigan certification requirements; Department of English and Department of Teacher Development and Educational Studies, College of Arts and Sciences and School of Education and Human Services. (Amanda Stearns-Pfeiffer, Cynthia Carver)

1.3.2. Proposal for a new Mathematics for Educators, B.S. and Teaching in Secondary Education, M.A. Combined B.S./M.A.T.S.E. program to reflect the new State of Michigan certification requirements; Department of Mathematics and Statistics and Department of Teacher Development and Educational Studies, College of Arts and Sciences and School of Education and Human Services. (Darrell Schmitt, Cynthia Carver)

1.3.3. Proposal for a new Mathematics for Educators, B.A. and Teaching in Secondary Education, M.A. Combined B.A./M.A.T.S.E. program to reflect the new State of Michigan certification requirements; Department of Mathematics and Statistics and Department of Teacher Development and Educational Studies, College of Arts and Sciences and School of Education and Human Services. (Darrell Schmitt, Cynthia Carver)

- 1.3.4. Proposal for a new Social Studies and History for Educators, B.A. and Teaching in Secondary Education, M.A. Combined B.A./M.A.T.S.E. program to reflect the new State of Michigan certification requirements; Department of History and Department of Teacher Development and Educational Studies, College of Arts and Sciences and School of Education and Human Services. (Liz Shesko, Cynthia Carver)
- 1.3.5. Proposal for a new Bachelor of Integrated Sciences, B.A. and Teaching in Secondary Education, M.A. Combined B.A./M.A.T.S.E. program to reflect the new State of Michigan certification requirements; Department of Physics and Department of Teacher Development and Educational Studies, College of Arts and Sciences and School of Education and Human Services. (Fabia Battistuzzi, Cynthia Carver)
- 1.4. Senate Partner Hire AdHoc Committee - Partner Hire Policy- James Naus
- 1.5. Provost Updates
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the [Minutes of April 13, 2023](#)
4. Unfinished Business

- 4.1. **MOTION** from the Senate Steering Committee to bring forth proposed changes to the Oakland University Senate Constitution to the faculty of the university for formal presentation and election.

Due to the addition of several schools to the university, a proposed change to the language in Article IV section i includes correcting the number of senators to 65 and increasing the number of faculty apportioned senators from 33 to 47 to reflect the current status of the university senate.

**MOVED** that in accordance with the notice given, the Senate adopt the suggested amendment to the constitution.

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

**Comment:** Senate Presentation

- 4.2. **MOTION** from the Senate Steering Committee to bring forth proposed changes to the Oakland University Senate Constitution to the faculty of the university for formal presentation and election.

A proposed modification to Article IV increasing the number of senators who serve as ex officio members with full voting rights and privileges from 6 to 10 to reflect the current status of the university. These will now include the Provost of the University, the Dean of University Libraries, the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, the Dean of the School of Education and Human Services, the Dean of the School of Engineering and Computer Science, the Dean of the School of Business, the Dean of

the School of Nursing, the Dean of the School of Health Sciences the Dean of the School of Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine, and the Director of the Eye Research Institute.

**MOVED** that in accordance with the notice given, the Senate adopt the suggested amendment to the constitution.

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

**Comment:** Senate Presentation

- 4.3. **MOTION** from Senator Karen Miller to bring forth proposed changes to the Oakland University Senate Constitution to the faculty of the university for formal presentation and election.

An amendment to Article II, paragraph i. to read as follows:

The term “member of an organized faculty” shall refer to all Bargaining Unit Faculty Members, plus the full time tenured and tenure-track faculty of Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine.

Such members of organized faculties shall possess rights to participate in the governance of their faculties and of the University as described in the articles below.

**MOVED** that in accordance with the notice given, the Senate adopt the suggested amendment to the constitution.

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

**Comment:** Senate Presentation  
Proposed Language Submission

- 4.4. **MOTION** from the Senate Steering Committee to bring forth proposed changes to the Oakland University Senate Constitution to the faculty of the university for formal presentation and election.

A proposed language update to Article IV Section vi. adding “An additional copy of the minutes shall be available in the University Library archives” which has been in practice for several years.

**MOVED** that in accordance with the notice given, the Senate adopt the suggested amendment to the constitution.

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

**Comment:** Senate Presentation

- 4.5. **AMENDED MOTION** from the Senate Steering Committee to bring forth proposed changes to the Oakland University Senate Constitution to the faculty of the university for formal presentation and election.

A proposed change to Article IV Section viii. adding Non-substantive motions as an option to conduct ordinary business. The proposed language reads as follows: Non-substantive motions shall receive one reading with a final vote. Non-substantive motions include but are not limited to staffing university committees, edits for style, grammar, punctuation, updated titles and format, and minor changes to policies with no adverse consequences to other units or policies. Non-substantive motions do not impact the intended goals of university programs and operations. If challenged by a Senator, the Senate may vote to treat a non-substantive motion as a substantive motion.

**MOVED** that in accordance with the notice given, the Senate adopt the suggested amendment to the constitution.

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

**Comment:** Senate Presentation  
Virtual Chat from April 13, 2023 Univ Senate Meeting

- 4.6. **MOTION** from the Senate Steering Committee to bring forth proposed changes to the Oakland University Senate Constitution to the faculty of the university for formal presentation and election.

To update the seven occurrences of “Dean of Graduate Study” to the current title of “the Dean of the Graduate School”.

**MOVED** that in accordance with the notice given, the Senate adopt the suggested amendment to the constitution.

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

**Comment:** Senate Presentation

- 4.7. **MOTION** from the Senate Steering Committee to create a new Senate Disability Committee to encourage disability literacy across campus and to promote an understanding of disability as a central component of human diversity. The committee’s aim is to integrate disability visibility into the university curriculum, scholarship, and community as a means of understanding human experience in our contemporary world. (Jo Reger)

**MOVED** that the Senate approve the recommendation of the Senate Steering Committee to create a new Senate Disability Committee.

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

**Comment:** Senate Disability Committee Charge and Rationale

- 4.8. **MOTION** from the Graduate Council to establish a new Master of Science (M.S.) in Interdisciplinary Healthcare Systems to begin Fall 2023 to meet the competency challenges in the current healthcare workforce; Department of Interdisciplinary Healthcare Sciences, School of Health Sciences (Melissa Reznar)

**MOVED** that the Senate approve the Graduate Council recommendation for a new Master of Science (M.S.) in Interdisciplinary Healthcare Systems to begin Fall 2023.

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

**Comment:** MS in Interdisciplinary Healthcare Systems Proposal with revised Appendices  
Graduate Council Approval  
Proforma - updated proforma added 4/14/23  
Assessment Plan  
SPRC Approval  
UAC Approval  
SBRC Approval  
Senate Presentation

- 4.9. **MOTION** from the University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction (UCUI) to establish a new Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Integrated Sciences to align with The Michigan Department of Education certification structure. (Fabia Battistuzzi)

**MOVED** that the Senate approve the recommendation from the University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction (UCUI) for a new Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Integrated Sciences.

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

**Comment:** B.A. in Integrated Sciences Proposal  
UCUI Approval  
Proforma  
Assessment Plan  
SPRC Approval  
UAC Approval  
SBRC Approval  
Senate Presentation

- 4.10. **MOTION** from The Graduate Council and the University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction (UCUI) to establish a new Oakland University Academic Digital Badges policy. (Kristin Landis-Piwowar and Brandy Randall)

**MOVED** that the Senate approve the recommendation of The Graduate Council and the University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction (UCUI) to establish a new Oakland University Academic Digital Badges Policy.

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

**Comment:** OU Academic Digital Badges Policy  
Graduate Council Approval  
Badging Categories at OU (added 4/14/23)  
UCUI Approval

- 4.11. **MOTION** from the University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction (UCUI) to establish a new policy for Undergraduate Definition of Certificate. (Kristin Landis-Piwowar)

**MOVED** that the Senate approve the recommendation of the Undergraduate Instruction (UCUI) to establish a new policy for Undergraduate Definition of Certificate.

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

**Comment:** Undergraduate Policy - Definition of Certificate  
UCUI Approval  
Undergraduate Curriculum Definitions Comparison

- 4.12. **MOTION** from the University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction (UCUI) to establish a new policy for Undergraduate Definition of Major-dependent Concentration. (Kristin Landis-Piwowar)

**MOVED** that the Senate approve the recommendation of the Undergraduate Instruction (UCUI) to establish a new policy for Undergraduate Definition of Major-dependent Concentration.

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

**Comment:** Undergrad Policy-Definition of Major-dependent Concentration  
UCUI Approval  
Undergraduate Curriculum Definitions Comparison

- 4.13. **MOTION** from the University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction (UCUI) to establish a new policy for Undergraduate Definition of Concentration. (Kristin Landis-Piwowar)

**MOVED** that the Senate approve the recommendation of the Undergraduate Instruction (UCUI) to establish a new policy for Undergraduate Definition of Concentration.

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

**Comment:** Undergraduate Policy-Definition of Concentration  
UCUI Approval  
Undergraduate Curriculum Definitions Comparison

- 4.14. **MOTION** from the University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction (UCUI) to establish a new Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Early Childhood to align with The Michigan Department of Education certification structure and provide early childhood education. (Ambika Bhargava)

**MOVED** that the Senate approve the recommendation from the University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction (UCUI) for a new Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Early Childhood.

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

**Comment:** BS in Early Childhood Education Proposal  
Letters of Support  
UCUI Approval  
Proforma  
Assessment Plan  
SPRC Approval  
UAC Approval  
SBRC Approval (pending formal letter, email sent)  
Senate Presentation

5. New Business  
None

6. Good and Welfare

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