

Senate Meeting

February 15, 2024

Members present: *Arnold, Ball, Barry, Bills, Boruff-Jones, Carey, Carpenter, Craig, Daniel, Demsky, Dinda, Eis, Eldredge, Eskander, Farooqi, Ferguson, Gemechu, Glover, Goble, Golinski, Guessous, Hartmus, Kiefer, Kies, Knox, Kondratek, Landolt, Latcha, Merchant, Miller, Mitton, Ostergaard, Pierce, Qian, Rutledge, Shesko, Stanton, Tilashalski, Trivedi, Wadsworth, Wasserman, Wells, Wendell, Williams*

Members absent: *Al-Shabrawey, Aloï, Battles, Baxa, Coleman, Edrisinha, Hansen, Hay, Insko, Kobus, Ligocki, Margerum-Leys, Naus, Rawashdeh, Reger, Rios-Ellis, Tiegs, Wenz, Zhu*

Associate Provost Banes-Berceli called the Hybrid meeting to order at 3:10 P.M.

INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS

Informational Items

1.1. Graduate Program Submissions

- 1.1.1. **Post-Master's Certificate in School Administration, New Certificate Program** will be comprised of a subset of existing courses in the Ed.S. program, and will attract and retain new students while still providing a quality program that leads to Michigan certification as a building-level administrator; Department of Organizational Leadership, School of Education and Human Services

1.2. Undergraduate Program Submissions

- 1.2.1. **Chinese Minor, program modification**; Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, College of Arts and Sciences
- 1.2.2. **French Minor, program modification**; Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, College of Arts and Sciences
- 1.2.3. **German Minor, program modification**; Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, College of Arts and Sciences
- 1.2.4. **Spanish Language and Literature Minor; program modification**; Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, College of Arts and Sciences
- 1.2.5. **Spanish Minor; program modification**; Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, College of Arts and Sciences
- 1.2.6. **Mechanical Engineering, B.S.E., Concentration In Electrified Propulsion, new concentration** comes in response to the paradigm shift by the automotive industry to electrify automotive powertrains and a huge demand for education of new and existing engineers in this area; Department of Mechanical Engineering, School of Engineering and Computer Science

- 1.2.7. **Electrical Engineering Minor, new minor** to address the rapidly evolving demands for engineers with multidisciplinary skills set; Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, School of Engineering and Computer Science
- 1.2.8. **Mechanical Engineering Minor, new minor** open to non-mechanical engineering SECS students, as well as Engineering Chemistry, Engineering Physics and other STEM students who wish to expand their knowledge in the field of mechanical engineering; Department of Mechanical Engineering, School of Engineering and Computer Science
- 1.2.9. **Digital Marketing Minor, new minor** to address the need for additional topics to be covered in our marketing curriculum and the demand for elective courses in digital marketing and social media marketing; Department of Management and Marketing, School of Business Administration
- 1.2.10. **School of Business Administration Clarification to add (3) Program Modifications** that were omitted from agenda item #8 to UCUI on January 9, 2024 [as well as senate agenda 1.2.8 on January 18, 2024] that all SBA majors will have a total requirement of a minimum of 120 credits including; Business Economics, B.S., Economics, B.S., and Business Actual Science wherein these (3) programs will still require Calculus (MTH 1222/MTH1554)
 - (1) Business Economics, B.S., Department of Economics, School of Business Administration
 - (2) Economics, B.S., Department of Economics, School of Business Administration
 - (3) Business Actuarial Science, B.S., Department of Economics, School of Business Administration
- 1.2.11. **Sustainability Engineering Minor, new minor** designed for engineering students who wish to emphasize sustainability principles and practices; Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, School of Engineering and Computer Science
- 1.2.12. **Biology, B.S., Concentration in Physiology, new concentration** meant to add value to biomedical sciences programs; Department of Biomedical Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences
- 1.2.13. **Biomedical Sciences, B.S., Concentration in Physiology, new concentration** meant to add value to biomedical sciences programs; Department of Biomedical Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences
- 1.2.14. **Mechanical Engineering, B.S.E., Specialization in Automotive Engineering, modification** to reduce the number of required fundamental subjects from 12 to 8 credits and increase the number of elective courses from 4 to 8 credits. The total number of credits is unchanged; Department of Mechanical Engineering, School of Engineering and Computer Science
- 1.2.15. **Mechanical Engineering, B.S.E., Specialization in Energy, modification** to add courses to the list of electives allowing students to explore a broader range of energy-related fields, Department of Mechanical Engineering, School of Engineering and Computer Science
- 1.2.16. **Mechanical Engineering, B.S.E., Specialization in Manufacturing, modification** to reduce the number of required fundamental subjects from 12 to 8 credits and increase the number of elective courses from 4 to 8 credits. The total number of credits is unchanged; Department of Mechanical Engineering, School of Engineering and Computer Science
- 1.2.17. **Applied Health Sciences, B.S., modification** to add course (HS 2050)

- as a corequisite to HS 2000; Department of Public and Environmental Wellness, School of Health Sciences
- 1.2.18. **Health Sciences, B.S., modification** to add new course (HS 2050) as corequisite lab paired with HS 2000; Department of Interdisciplinary Health Sciences, School of Health Sciences
 - 1.2.19. **Health Sciences, B.S., Concentration in Holistic Health, modification** to add new HS 2050 corequisite lab to pair with HS 2000. Remove end dated course (NTR 3200) and added new course NTR 3250; Department of Interdisciplinary Health Sciences, School of Health Sciences
 - 1.2.20. **Health Sciences, B.S., Concentration in Pre-Health Professional Studies, modification** to add new HS 2050 corequisite lab to pair with HS 2000. Remove end dated course (NTR 3200) and added new course NTR 3250; Department of Interdisciplinary Health Sciences, School of Health Sciences
 - 1.2.21. **Health Sciences, B.S., Concentration in Pre-Pharmacy, modification** to add new course (HS 2050) as a corequisite lab paired with HS 2000; Department of Interdisciplinary Health Sciences, School of Health Sciences
 - 1.2.22. **Interdisciplinary Healthcare Studies, B.S., modification** to add new course (HS 2050) as a corequisite lab paired with HS 2000; Department of Interdisciplinary Health Sciences, School of Health Sciences
- 1.3. **Combined Graduate School and Undergraduate Submissions**
- 1.3.1. **Mechanical Engineering, Combined B.S.E./M.S., new combined program** is being proposed to (1) retain top undergraduate students at Oakland University as well as (2) bolster the department's research productivity; Department of Mechanical engineering, School of Engineering and Computer Science (Sarah Beetham)
- 1.4. **Strategic Planning Update** (Josh Merchant)
- 1.5. **Mental Health Committee Update - RecWell Activities** (Intro by Susan McCarty; Becky Lewis, Cortney Heileman - virtual)
- 1.6. **General Education Reform Ad Hoc Committee Update** (Laila Guessous {virtual} and Maria Paino {virtual}- confirmed)
- 1.7. **Provost's Updates**
- The Senate Steering Committee is seeking faculty volunteers to serve on committees beginning in Fall 2024. To volunteer, [click here](#) and complete the survey **by March 22, 2024** for full consideration. You can also copy and paste the link below into a new browser window:

https://oakland.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_24aN4f7zAWIOCEe

ACTION ITEMS (NEW BUSINESS)

- 2.1 Procedural motion approved to staff Senate Standing committees
- 2.2 Senate Resolution presented by the OU Student congress to affirm the University Senate support for the inclusion of Student Engagement in the 2030 Strategic Plan
- 2.3 Non-Substantive motion approved from the Graduate Council to approve a change in the definition of the number of credits to define a full-time enrollment status for OUWB students

2.4 Motion from the Graduate Council to establish a new Master of Science in Medical Sciences to begin Fall 2024

A. INFORMATION ITEMS

Associate Provost Banes-Berceli provided the opportunity for Senators to ask questions or comment on Information Items **1.1-1.3** above. There were none.

- **1.4 Strategic Planning Update:** Josh Merchant was present to provide an update on the progress of the Strategic Planning Leadership team which he noted is made up of 18 members including members of the faculty, staff and administration. He reminded Senators that they are using a 4-phase process. The findings of Phase I SWOT analysis have shown the strengths and weaknesses, opportunities and threats ahead for the university, which he showed in his presentation, providing a great deal of data which he said is available for anyone to look at on their website. He acknowledged that the intention is to remain committed to the five Strategic Plan objectives already stated in the previous plan, in addition to which the new plan will include a new commitment to sustainability, financial models, engagement and belonging. The planning process will include four to five initiatives per theme. He said DEI will cut across all of the other themes. With reference to the data shown, Mr. Ball asked how academic research can be seen as a weakness which is incongruent with recent achievements, observing that OU has moved forward in recent years so he thought research should be listed as an opportunity in their findings, and not a weakness. Mr. Merchant replied that the team is proud of research but OU doesn't operate as an R-2 university normally would or should do and so this is listed as an opportunity to improve due to infrastructure weaknesses such as enough funding available as researchers need.
- **1.5 Mental Health Update:** Susan McCarty, Becky Lewis and Cortney Heileman were present to provide this update. They listed mental health services that exist, such as OU's 24/7 mental health crisis program, mental health first aid, peer wellness ambassadors, the bandana project, the creation of a mental health guide, pet therapy, wellness coaches and a Student Resource Fair. They noted that there is a peer-to-peer approach to mental health on OU's campus. They made Senators aware of a pilot program for Wellness Check-in, and a Healthy Campus Website with information about the available support for the OU Healthy Campus commitment. There are also collaborative wellness initiatives. They thanked Terry and Anna Dibble for their donations over the last five years, and for their foresight regarding mental health needs. Mr. Ball expressed his enthusiasm for this work.
- **1.6 General Education Reform Update:** Laila Guessous and Maria Paino (co-chairs) were present to provide an update. They said that reform of the General

Education program is long overdue because the program is 20 years old and it is outdated. So far, members have participated in the AAC and university 2-24 Institute on General Education, Pedagogy and Assessment which is an initiative that runs from January through June with regular meetings. In addition, they have met with and continue to meet with units on campus to solicit feedback on General Education. They also plan to meet with students. They have created a google form to provide feedback to the committee with a QR code to access the google form, or there is also a link.

- **1.7 Provost Updates:** Associate Provost Banes-Berceli announced that the university had purchased 'Give Pulse', a platform to collect and record data for Community Engagement for which training will be available soon for faculty, staff and students. She said that they are working with UTS to integrate the platform so that it would be a single sign-on.
- She also announced that the Honorary Degree call has gone out, as well as the annual call for volunteers for Senate committees. She encouraged Senators to volunteer for a committee.

B. Approval of the Minutes of January 18, 2024

The motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2024 meeting (Guessous, Eis)

The motion was approved. (35 yes, 0 no)

C. 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.* (Wasserman, Rutledge)

University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction

David Fausone (SHS) for Joshua Haworth (SHS) Winter 2024 Sabbatical Leave

The motion was approved (36 yes, 0 no).

2.2 Senate Resolution presented by the OU Student Congress to affirm the University Senate support for the inclusion of Student Engagement in the 2030 Strategic Plan, along with steps that are both action-oriented and measurable. (Lance Markowitz, OUSC - in person)

RESOLUTION: *The Oakland University Senate resolves to affirm the University Senate's support for the inclusion of Student Engagement in the*

2030 Strategic Plan, along with steps that are both action-oriented and measurable as outlined in the proposed resolution. (Wendell, Talisheski)

Lance Markowitz presented the above resolution to advocate for student engagement. He said that the Student Congress wants engagement to be part of the Strategic Planning Process. He said this step has been accomplished to make it part of the process, but not there is a need for development of action steps.

The resolution was approved (31 yes, 3 no).

2.3 NON-SUBSTANTIVE MOTION from the Graduate Council to approve a change in the definition of number of credits to define a full-time enrollment status for OUWB students. This will bring the definition in line with the rest of the graduate programs.

MOVED *that the senate approve the Graduate Council recommendation to approve a change in the definition of number of credits to define a full-time enrollment status for OUWB students. (Wasserman, Eis)*

Mr. Wasserman made the motion to move to second reading. This motion was passed (25 yes, 8 no). This motion did not pass.

2.4 MOTION from the Graduate Council to establish a new Master of Science in Medical Sciences to begin Fall 2024 Program intended for students enrolled in the OUWB Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) program who have successfully completed the first two years of the four-year program, but subsequently terminate out of the M.D. program. This will have a closed admissions process. Department of Foundational Medical Studies, Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine (Victoria Lucia - virtual)

MOVED *that the senate approve the Graduate Council recommendation for a new Master of Science (M.S.) in Medical Sciences to begin Fall 2024. (Wasserman, Eis)*

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

D. Good and Welfare

Associate Provost Banes-Berceli noted that the next Senate meeting will be taking place in O'Dowd Hall for those attending in person, instead of the OC Banquet Room B.

Dean Ball shared that the Healthy Diversity event was coming up.

Ms. Randall reminded Senators about the 3-minute thesis competition on Friday at 4:00 in the Founders Ballroom of the OC.

E. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Dikka Berven (Senate Secretary)