

Senate Minutes

March 17, 2022

Members present: *Aloi, Barclay, Barry, Berven, D., Berven, K., Carey, Cortes, Debnath, Didion, Edrisinha, Eis, ElSayed, Goble, Guessous, Hartmus, Kondratek, Latcha, Law-Sullivan, Leibert, Lerchenfeldt, Lewis, Long, Margerum-Leys, McMillon, Merchant, Meyers, Miller, K., Miller, J., Naus, Nichols Hess, Ostergaard, parkash, Reger, Rios-Ellis, Rivard, Roumani, Rutledge, Southward, Tiegs, Tracy, Wadsworth, Wendell, Zhu*

Members absent: *Al-Shabrawey, Ball, Boruff-Jones, Chamra, Clark, Craig, Fouladbakhsh, Gierman, Graves, Hansen, Hay, Knox, Kobus, Landolt, Mazzeo, Mezwa, Mitton, Perhogan, Poly-Droulard, Rawashdeh, Wells*

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

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

Graduate Studies Modifications

New Graduate Studies Certificate in Health Equity effective Fall 2022, Public and Environmental Wellness (SHS)

New Graduate Certificate in Global and Population Health Service effective Fall 2022, Public and Environmental Wellness (SHS)

New Graduate Certificate in Epidemiological Research effective Fall 2022, Public and Environmental Wellness (SHS)

Undergraduate Studies Modifications

Theatre Design and Technology, increasing number of credits in the major (MTD)

Combined Graduate and Undergraduate Studies Modifications

Combined Mathematics, B.S. to M.A. (4 + 1), effective Fall 2022

Test Optional Admission

HLC Accreditation—Four Year Assurance

ADA Compliance for University Senate

Ad Hoc Committee for Mental Health—Charge and Committee membership

Provost's Updates

ACTION ITEMS

Old Business

Motion approved from the Academic Conduct Committee to change its charge and membership

New Business

Motion from the Gen Ed Committee to change its charge and membership

A. INFORMATION ITEMS

- Program Modifications: Provost Rios-Ellis provided Senators the opportunity to comment on the above program modifications. Professor Shillor explained that goal of the modification to the combined Grad and Undergrad modification in mathematics was to get top graduates in math into the Master's program.
- Shane Lewis was present to explain the extension of test-optional admission which was first instituted in 2020 due to the pandemic. She noted that it was a challenging environment for standardized testing due to accessibility and other issues. She stated that standardized testing is down 60% and for this reason they are recommending that test-optional admission be extended until 2025. She explained that this allows for more inclusiveness as well as makes OU more competitive with our peers.
- Kristin Landis-Piwowar explained that with regard to HLC accreditation, 2019 was the last time this was due and since they do it every four years, it will be time again in 2023.
- Ms. Banes-Berceli explained that as of August 2022, all governing documents of the Senate have to be ADA compliant. The e-Space and archives require this feature.
- She also updated the Senate on the Ad Hoc Committee for Mental Health which will begin meeting. She said that the committee will be made up of people from numerous categories on campus. Mr. Romani suggested that there should be representatives from Student Congress, and Mr. Tiegs similarly suggested that in addition to undergraduate students, there should be graduate students on this committee.

Provost's Updates

- Provost Rios-Ellis announced that the May meeting of the Senate will be in person.
- She noted that Senate committee chairs and co-chairs need to do their end of year reports as of July 15 2022 because there will be a new Senate as of August 15, and the new committee chairs will need the information from the reports in order to begin their work.
- With regard to COVID, she stated that the OU team is watching the virus variants closely.
- She requested that faculty members do the Service Learning Survey which is due March 25.
- She confirmed that the training for Title 9 is recommended for all employees, and she encouraged everyone to look for the email that explains how to get this training.

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of January 20, 2022

The minutes of the Senate meeting of January 20, 2022, were approved (Latcha, Guessous).

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Motion from the Academic Conduct Committee to change its charge and membership

***MOVED** that the changes to the charge and membership recommended by the Academic Conduct Committee be approved*

The motion was approved (47 yes, 1 no).

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion from the General Education Committee to change its charge and membership

***MOVED** that the changes to the charge and membership recommended by the General Education Committee be approved (Eis, Ostergaard)*

Song Yan from the Office of institutional Research and Assessment was present to explain the proposal on behalf of the Gen Ed committee chair, Maria Panio, who was not available for this meeting. Ms. Yan said that the membership of the Gen Ed Committee (GEC) currently includes two members from OIRA (the Director and the Assessment Coordinator), both of whom are non-voting members of the committee. The primary responsibilities and roles of these members involve General Education assessment. With the creation of the Gen Ed Assessment Committee (GEAC) in May 2020, these responsibilities have shifted from GEC to GEAC. The membership of GEAC also includes the Director of OIRA and the Assessment Coordinator. For this reason, the General Education Committee is proposing a revision to the current membership to remove the Director of OIRA and the Assessment Coordinator to recognize that the contributions and expertise of OIRA and assessment align with the GEAC.

E. GOOD AND WELFARE

There were no items for Good and Welfare.

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Dikka Berven (Senate secretary)