

SENATE MINUTES

May 18, 2023

Meeting Time: 3:10 pm

Meeting Location: VIRTUAL ONLY via Zoom

Senators were reminded that for this meeting it had been voted in April that unlike the usual special May meeting if/when one is held, a quorum is needed today. To make sure, this request was made: "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."

Members present: *Aloi, Arnold, Ball, Barry, Berven, D., Berven, K., Blumer-Schuttee, Boruff-Jones, Carey, Chamra, Cortes, Craig, Debnath, Eis, Farooqi, Goble, Guessous, Hansen, Hartmus, Hay, Knox, Kobus, Kondratek, Kridli, Landolt, Latcha, Law-Sullivan, Lerchenfeldt, Leibert, Margerum-Leys, McMillon, Meyers, Mezwa, Miller, Mitton, Nichols Hess, Ostergaard, Parkash, Poly-Droulard, Reger, Rios-Ellis, Ribard, Romano, Rutledge, Shesko, Wadsworth, Wendell*

Members absent: *Barclay, Battles, Edrisinha, ElSayed, Johnson, Lewis, Long, Merchant, Naus, Pierce, Rawashdeh, Roumani, Tieg, Tilashalski, Tracy, Wells, Zhu*

Provost Rios-Ellis called the meeting to order at 3:15 P.M.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

1.1 Graduate School Submissions

1.2 Undergraduate 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

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

1.3.3 Proposal for a new Mathematics for Educators, B.A. and Teaching in Secondary Education, M.A. Combined M.A./M.A.T.S.E. program

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

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

1.4. Senate Partner hire AdHoc Committee

1.5 Pathology Science Graduate Certificate in Clinical and Diagnostic Science

1.6 MD/MPH Dual degree (OUMB and SHS)

1.7 Provost's Updates

ACTION ITEMS

Six motions were approved to bring forth proposed changes to the Oakland University Senate Constitution

Motion approved to create a new Senate Disability Committee

Motion approved to establish a new M.S. in Interdisciplinary Healthcare Systems to begin Fall 2023

Motion approved to establish a new B.A. in integrated Sciences

Motion approved to establish a new Oakland University Academic Digital Badges policy

Motion approved to establish a new policy for Undergraduate Definition of Certificate

Motion approved to establish a new policy for Undergraduate Definition of Major-dependent Concentration

Motion approved to establish a new policy for Undergraduate Definition of Concentration

Motion approved to establish a new B.S. in Early Childhood

1. INFORMATION ITEMS

Provost Rios-Ellis asked if there were any comments on the information items 1.1-1.3 below. There were none.

A motion was made to add two new information items to the agenda (Lerchenfeldt, Rivard)

The motion was approved. (33 yes, 6 no).

These new agenda items are listed below as 1.5 and 1.6.

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- Mariela Hristova briefly explained the reasons for the formation of this committee.
- 1.5. Pathology Science Graduate Certificate Program in Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences – SHS (Sumit Dinda)
- 1.6. MD/MPH Dual Degree: 2 independent fully accredited programs SHS-MHP program—OUWB and SHS (Sara Rivard SHS and Sarah Lerchenfeldt SOM)—Ms.Rivard and Ms. Lerchenfeldt presented the curriculum for the new dual degree program.
- 1.7. Provost Updates:
- Provost Rios-Ellis announced an agreement signed with Amazon which she said is a partnership that should help enrollments and provide opportunities.
 - She provided information related to the Enhancement program (Martha Escobar) for mentorship to make that within faculty research there is strong mentorship for students. The program is AIM (Advance Inclusive Membership)
 - She also said that the Senate would welcome Steve Mackey back in September to report further on the budget issues.

2. Roll Call

It was established that there was a quorum.

3. Approval of the [Minutes of April 13, 2023](#)

The minutes of the meeting of April 13, 2023 were approved.

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.

Motion was approved (35 yes, 6 no).

- 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.

Motion was approved (31 yes, 11 no).

- 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.

Motion was approved (35 yes, 5 no).

- 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.

Motion was approved (38 yes, 1 no).

- 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.

Motion was approved (34 yes, 7 no).

- 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.

Motion was approved (41 yes, 2 no).

- 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.

Motion was approved (39 yes, 1 no).

- 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.

Motion was approved (29 yes, 7 no).

- 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.

Motion was approved (39 yes, 1 no).

- 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.

Motion was approved (31 yes, 8 no).

- 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.

Motion was approved (33 yes, 7 no).

- 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.

Motion was approved (36 yes, 6 no).

- 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.

Motion was approved (35 yes, 4 no).

- 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.

Motion was approved (39 yes, 1 no).

5. New Business

None

6. Good and Welfare

Provost Rios-Ellis thanked everyone for their attendance. In addition, she congratulated those responsible for the successful creation of the new dual MD/MPH degree.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Dikka Berven (Senate secretary)