



OAKLAND UNIVERSITY SENATE

Oakland University Senate

19 January 2006

Minutes

Members present: Andersen, Berven (D), Dillon, Eberly, Eberwein, Goslin, Grossman, Hamilton, Haskell, Hightower, Klemanski, Latcha, Lepkowski, MacDonald, Machmut-Jhashi, Magnan, Mili, Miller, Mittelstaedt, Moudgil, Otto, Polis, Rammel, Russell, Severson, Sevilla, Shablin, Silberman, Stamps, Stein, Sudol, Thompson, Tracy, Voelck, Wendell, Wood

Members absent: Cardiff, Deng, Downing, Eis, Fink, Frick, Giblin, Goldberg, Graves, Ingram, Lemarbe, Meehan, O'Mahony, Orzach, Osthaus, Reger, Schweitzer, Townsend, Tracey, Williams

Summary of Actions:

1. Informational Item:

Creation of a Task Force to examine Class Scheduling Modules--Mr. Moudgil

2. Roll Call. Approval of November minutes. (Ms. Eberwein, Mr. Goslin)

3. Motion to amend Senate rule of operation for the election of members to the Steering Committee. (Ms. Stein, Mr. Stamps). Approved.

4. Motion to recommend approval of a Master's program in Safety Management. (Mr. Lepkowski, Mr. Goslin). First reading.

4a. Motion to waive second reading of the Safety Management program. (Mr. Goslin, Mr. Stamps). Approved.

4b. Motion to recommend approval of the program in Safety Management. Approved.

5. Motion to recommend approval of the Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree program (Ms. Mittelstaedt, Mr. Lepkowski). First reading.

6. Procedural motion to staff senate standing committees. (Mr. Lepkowski, Mr. Tracy) Approved.

Calling the meeting to order at 3:15, Mr. Moudgil commented on the informational item: the formation of a task force that will examine the scheduling of class modules. He explained that the chairs of the Student Academic Support and Senate Planning Committees have requested that the issue of class scheduling be reviewed, and that the Senate Steering Committee suggested a task force be created to do so. Mr. Moudgil is now in the process of soliciting members to serve on this committee.

The secretary proceeded with the roll call, after which a motion to approve the minutes of the November 2005 was made by Ms. Eberwein, duly seconded by Mr. Goslin, and approved.

Old Business

MOVED that the Senate rules of operation be amended so that elections of members to the Steering Committee are not included under the provisions of recorded votes. In particular, such elections in cases for which there are more nominees than positions to be filled shall be by anonymous paper ballots. (Ms. Stein, Mr. Stamps)

The second reading of the motion to amend Senate rules of operation for the election of members to the Steering Committee yielded no discussion, and the Senate voted to approve.

New Business

MOVED that the Senate recommend to the President and Board of Trustees approval of a program leading to the Master of Science in Safety Management.

[(A) [The proposal](#). (B) [Graduate Council approval memo](#).]

Mr. Lepkowski's motion was seconded by Mr. Goslin. Mr. Moudgil then invited Mr. Hightower to address the Senate with information regarding the new program proposal. He explained that this graduate program is the second step of a long-term strategy to bring the School of Health Sciences to premier status in the community. The first step, gaining national accreditation by ABET, has been realized. He pointed out that no other university in Michigan offers a safety management program which partners with a business program. The courses in the School of Business are already taught, thus eliminating the need for new faculty. The established undergraduate program will grow with the addition of a graduate program, and, in his view, will attract greater numbers of internships.

Mr. Sevilla inquired about the size and resource requirements of the program. Mr. McGlothlin, School of Health Sciences, explained that 40 slots are allotted in SBA, with five additional courses needed in Safety and Health. Only one Level 3 classroom is required, and no labs.

Mr. Stamps asked about library costs; Mr. McGlothlin replied that the library's recommendations have been met. Mr. Moudgil remarked that the issues raised during review of the program regarding faculty support have been addressed, and that additional faculty positions have been approved. Mr. Grossman and then Mr. Tracy asked for clarification as regards the additional position mentioned on page 26 of the proposal. Mr. Hightower confirmed that searches are currently underway for not one, but three newly established faculty lines.

Mr. McGlothlin then recognized Carolyn Davis, an undergraduate student; Michael Stamper, from Daimler Chrysler; and Darrell C. Hill, from ABB and part-time OU faculty, who were present to answer questions and give their support to the program.

Mr. Goslin made a motion to waive the second reading of the proposal; Mr. Stamps seconded. Mr. Tracy questioned the need to waive the second reading, to which Mr. Goslin responded that the discussion had been positive and that it seemed reasonable to move forward. The vote to waive the second reading elicited only four negative responses, and was thus approved. The Senate then voted favorably to approve the new program.

The second item of new business concerned the first reading of a new Ph.D. program in

Nursing Practice.

MOVED that the Senate recommend to the President and Board of Trustees approval of a program leading to the Doctor of Nursing Practice.

After the motion was read by Ms. Mittelstaedt and seconded by Mr. Lepkowski, Ms. Darlene Schott-Baer offered a brief overview of the program. Approved by the Graduate Council in March 2005, this new degree for nursing practice was proposed by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, in consultation with other groups of health care practitioners, including NONPF, the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculty. The rationale for the degree, Ms. Schott-Baer noted, addresses the growing complexity of health care needs, particularly with aging patients who have multiple conditions. She added that increased sophistication in technology and scientific knowledge has complicated the demands of an advanced practice nurse in the last decade or so.

This program would add 32 post-Master's degree credits, which is comparable to the credit hours of a Ph.D., but that the D.N.P is not research-focused (rather, practice-focused). She also touched on other requirements, including the completion of at least 500 supervised clinical hours. The program is intended for working professionals to study part-time, with spring/summer semesters considered part of the regular curriculum. The SON has excellent support for the program, a first in the state of Michigan, in terms of faculty support and grants to improve computer and technology labs.

Ms. Hamilton inquired about the potential for salary increases for graduates of the program, to which Ms. Schott-Baer replied that there are no guarantees regarding increased salaries, and that it will take time for the program to grow and produce graduates who will be in the work force. Mr. Sevilla asked whether these graduates would be in practice for themselves. Ms. Schott-Baer explained that many are already in partnerships with physicians, and that the degree would put them in parity with other professionals. Mr. Moudgil remarked that the State of Michigan is looking to increase the number of nurses to remedy an acute shortage of these professionals. The state government is looking for ways to increase enrollment and Mr. Moudgil praised SON for moving forward on this initiative.

The final item of new business was a procedural motion to staff Senate standing committees, moved by Mr. Lepkowski, seconded by Mr. Tracy, and approved by the Senate.

MOVED that the persons listed below be appointed to the committees designated:

ACADEMIC COMPUTING COMMITTEE:

Subramaniam Ganesan (Computer Science & Engineering) -- 2005-2007

ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE:

Charles Marks (School of Health Sciences) --2005-2008

BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE:

John Krauss (School of Health Sciences) --Winter, 2006 (replacement for Austin Murphy)

Good and Welfare

Mr. Grossman observed that the date of the April Senate meeting (April 20) is scheduled during final exam week, and asked whether the date could be changed. Ms. Eberwein voiced concern about the timing of a meeting during the final exam period, and suggested that the Steering Committee could, if necessary, schedule an additional meeting at later time.

Mr. Tracy's motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Sevilla, met with general approval, and the meeting concluded at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tamara Machmut-Jhashi
Secretary to the University Senate

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