

Senate Minutes

February 17, 2022

Members present: *Al-Shabrawey, Ball, Barclay, Barry, Berven, D., Berven, K., Blumer-Schuettee, Boruff-Jones, Carey, Chamra, Clark, Cortes, Craig, Debnath, Didion, Edrisinha, Eis, ElSayed, Fouladbakhsh, Goble, Graves, Guessous, Hansen, Hartmus, Hay, Knox, Kobus, Kondratek, Latcha, Law-Sullivan, Leibert, Lerchenfeldt, Long, Margerum-Leys, Mazzeo, McMillon, Meyers, Mezwa, Miller, K., Miller, J.A., Mitton, Nichols Hess, Ostergaard, Parkash, Poly-Droulard, Rawashdeh, Reger, Rios-Ellis, Rivard, Roumani, Rutledge, Southward, Tiegs, Wendell*

Members absent: *Aloi, Gierman, Landolt, Lewis, Merchant, Naus, Perhogan, Tracy, Wadsworth, Wells, Zhu*

Associate Provost Banes-Bercelli called the Zoom meeting to order at 3:10 P.M. due to a delay in the arrival of Provost Rios-Ellis who arrived soon after and took over to chair the meeting.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATIONAL AND ACTION ITEMS

Information Items

Modification to the Admission to the Graduate Programs specific to Foreign Educational Credentials effective Fall 2022 - Brandy Randall

Modifications to the Communication and Deaf Studies Minor Program adding an elective course and updating regression language; Department of Communication, Journalism and Public Relations (CAS) - Kathy Battles

Modification to the Biomedical Science, Bachelor of Science Program to reduce the minimum credits required for the degree; Department of Biological Sciences (CAS) - Doug Wendell

Proposal to add an Archeology Minor Program; Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work and Criminal Justice (CAS) - Jo Reger

Proposal to add a Music Technology Minor-Liberal Arts; Department of Music, School of Music Theatre and Dance (CAS) - Deb VanderLinde

Proposal to add a Music Technology Minor; Department of Music, School of Music Theatre and Dance (CAS) - Deb VanderLinde

Modification to the Dance, Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A) Program to Increase diverse course offerings and add a required course to the major resulting in lowering the credit requirements for the degree; Department of Theatre, School of Music, Theatre and Dance (CAS) - Elizabeth Kattner

Modification of the Dance, Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Program to increase diverse course offerings and add a required course to the major resulting in lowering the credit requirements for the degree; Department of Theatre, School of Music Theatre and Dance (CAS) - Elizabeth Kattner
Proposal for a new Certificate in Dance Education; Department of Dance, School of Music, Theatre and Dance (CAS) - Elizabeth Kattner

Modification to the Musical Theatre, Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) Program increasing the number of credits in the major; Department of Theatre, School of Music, Theatre and Dance (CAS) - Anthony Guest

Modification to the Theatre, Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Program increasing the number of credits in the major; Department of Theatre, School of Music, Theatre and Dance (CAS) - Anthony Guest.

Modification to the Acting, Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) Program increasing the number of credits in the major; Department of Theatre, School of Music, Theatre and Dance (CAS) - Anthony Guest

Modification to the Nutrition, Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Program to add a course and change degree requirements; Department of Interdisciplinary Health Sciences (SHS) - Amanda Lynch

Modification to the Nutrition and Health Minor Program to add a lab course to the minor; Department of Interdisciplinary Health Sciences (SHS) - Amanda Lynch

Modification to the Nutrition, B.S., Specialization in Dietetics Program to add a course and change degree requirements; Department of Interdisciplinary Health Sciences (SHS) - Amanda Lynch

Service Learning and Carnegie Institute Application Update - Andrea Monroe

Provost's Updates

Old Business

Motion from the Undergraduate Committee on Undergraduate Instruction to change its charge and membership.

Motion from The School of Health Sciences to implement the proposed new undergraduate degree, Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Healthcare Studies, Department of Interdisciplinary Health Sciences, School of Health Sciences effective Fall 2023.

New Business

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

Provost's Updates

A. INFORMATION ITEMS

The individuals mentioned above made presentations, of which the following are highlights:

Brandy Brandall explained that a 3-year undergraduate baccalaureate degree can be equivalent to a 4-year degree for international students. By making this modification, it is hoped that the number of applications of international students will be increased.

Doug Wendell was present to explain that the modification to the Biomedical Science degree was to reduce the number of credits from 134 to 128 to prevent overlap of courses for students in this program.

Jo Reger noted that by adding an Archeology minor, non-Sociology majors can do an Anthropology minor which will potentially fit with a variety of majors. This modification will also provide an opportunity for engagement and internships

Deb Vanderlinde explained that adding the Music Technology Minor-Liberal Arts will provide an opportunity for both auditioning and non-auditioning students to get a degree in Music Technology.

Elizabeth Kattner explained that the proposal for a new certificate in Dance Education will be an innovative and fully online program. People with a B.A. in dance will be able to get a certificate to allow them to teach K-12 students. It will be an opportunity for a full semester of student teaching for those certified K-12 in a different content but with dance experience. She stated that there are jobs to be had in dance and theater, and they expect to get students from all over the country.

Anthony Guest explained that the Theater department in the School of Music, Theater and Dance is not only an academic unit but also an accredited producing

unit (one of three in Michigan besides Hope College and Western) where 11 productions are done every year, and he further noted that majors are required to participate in some aspect of six shows (stage management, performing, technology, design, costumes, etc).

Amanda Lynch explained that the purpose for the modification to the Nutrition B.S. program was to improve student' skill set and meet accreditation standards.

Service Learning and Carnegie Institute Application Update: Andrea Monroe attended the Senate as a guest visiting Oakland University to observe the extent and success of service learning on our campus. She noted that based upon OU's application and her visit, OU has service learning and engagement already, but tracking and expansion are needed in order to get the Carnegie classification in this area. She strongly encouraged faculty to incorporate service learning into their plans for their courses. She stated that currently there are 119 institutions in the USA that have this classification. She said that service learning is a form of experiential education that can be a force for change, integrating meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility and strengthen communities.

Provost's Updates: Provost Rios-Ellis brought up the matter of the campus mask mandate. She noted that Oakland County has eliminated its mask mandate, but she said that OU wants to continue with the mask mandate until possibly two weeks after the return to campus following winter break. There was considerable discussion and concern about this, such as the observation that when students registered for classes this semester, it was with the understanding that masks would be required for in person classes on campus. It was also noted that the majority of OU students commute to campus, and so that means a lot of coming and going which can increase the health risks. [continued at the end of the meeting after Good and Welfare to make sure there would be time for the Old and New Business agenda items before 5:00]

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of January 20, 2022

The minutes of the meeting of January 20, 2022 were approved.

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Motion from the UCUI to change its charge and membership

MOVED that the Senate approve the amendment of the committee charge to include a non-voting member from the Student Business Services, Financial Aid

Office effective March 2022 to the Undergraduate Committee on Undergraduate Instruction

The following amendment was proposed:

MOTION *from UCUI to amend their committee charge to include a non-voting member from the Financial Aid Office who would be appointed by the Director of Financial Aid*

The amendment was approved (42 yes, 1 no)

The original motion was then passed (43 yes, 1 no).

2. Motion from the School of Health Sciences to implement the proposed new undergraduate degree, Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Healthcare Studies, Department of interdisciplinary Health Sciences, School of Health Sciences effective Fall 2023

MOVED *that the Senate recommend to the President and the Board of Trustees a new undergraduate degree, Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Healthcare Studies, Department of Interdisciplinary Health Sciences, School of Health Sciences effective Fall 2023 at Oakland University*

The motion was approved (48 yes, 0 no).

D. NEW BUSINESS

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

MOVED *that the changes to charge and membership recommended by the Academic Conduct Committee be approved (Meyers, McMillon)*

Associate Provost Banes-Bercelli explained that the purpose of this motion was to reduce the workload for the students currently on the committee by adding six more students to the committee, selected and appointed by the Dean of Students, who do not have to be members of Student Congress. She added that there have been so many academic conduct hearings lately that the workload has been tremendous. Mr. Wendell asked how this change would help the workload of students. Ms. Banes-Bercelli explained that not all of the students attend all of the hearings, but rather, a subset of students attends the hearings normally. With the change, the work would be spread around more. Mr. Latcha expressed concern that in addition to more students on this committee, the motion also has

a change to the charge saying that the committee work could be going over 12 months. Ms. Banes-Bercelli said that in practice, that is what they are already doing and so by putting it in the charge, this would be up front. Mr. Latcha suggested that making this service voluntary in the summer should be included in the charge because this is an uncompensated service for many faculty, but not all faculty, and so he believes that unless it is described as voluntary service in the summer, the 12-month obligation would cut down on the number of faculty who would volunteer to be on this committee.

E. GOOD AND WELFARE

Mr. Westrick asked about the process involved in amending the constitution of the Senate to allow it to meet for 12 months. Mr. Latcha described this process.

At this point in the meeting because it was after 5:00, Provost Rios-Ellis returned to the **Provost's Updates:**

- Baker College: She informed the Senate that presently the university is managing 226 academic space requests. She observed that the space deficiencies for OUWB are critical because there are strict space requirements for accreditation by LCME. She reminded Senators that OU has the lowest space allocations per student of all the universities in Michigan and she added that on behalf of OUWB we have been making promises to LCME that have not been met. In addition, this lack of space has meant that OU is missing revenue opportunities in niche programs, telehealth, revenue generating clinics, and research. She pointed out that by comparison to other Michigan universities, we are much more dependent on enrollment revenue but we are also dealing with enrollment challenges. She said that we would be able to take on bigger numbers of we had more space available. She explained that the Baker College building is 1 ½ miles from campus and would serve as a bridge for programs, activities and partnerships to build a pipeline with Pontiac and this would reinforce OU's sense of stewardship of place. She stated that the acquisition of this building would add 141,245 square feet to our space, on 18.2 acres. There are 70+ classrooms plus an auditorium. The price is \$8.15 million and the comparable construction costs of a similar building would be in the range of \$45 million, which makes the purchase of the Baker College building an exceptional opportunity in terms of value.
- OU Advance: Ms. Banes-Bercelli updated Senators on OU Advance, and said that working groups are being designated. She said the Deans have

nominated faculty to serve on them. There will be a launch event coming up in March, and she encouraged faculty members to volunteer.

- Provost Rios-Ellis provided an updates on renovations to facilities, stated that the work on Wilson Hall, Varner Hall, South Foundation Hall and O'Dowd Hall are on track.

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Dikka Berven (Senate secretary)